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AUGUST

The **DOLL MAN**
meets *The*
WHISPERING CORPSE!



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RUSTY RYAN

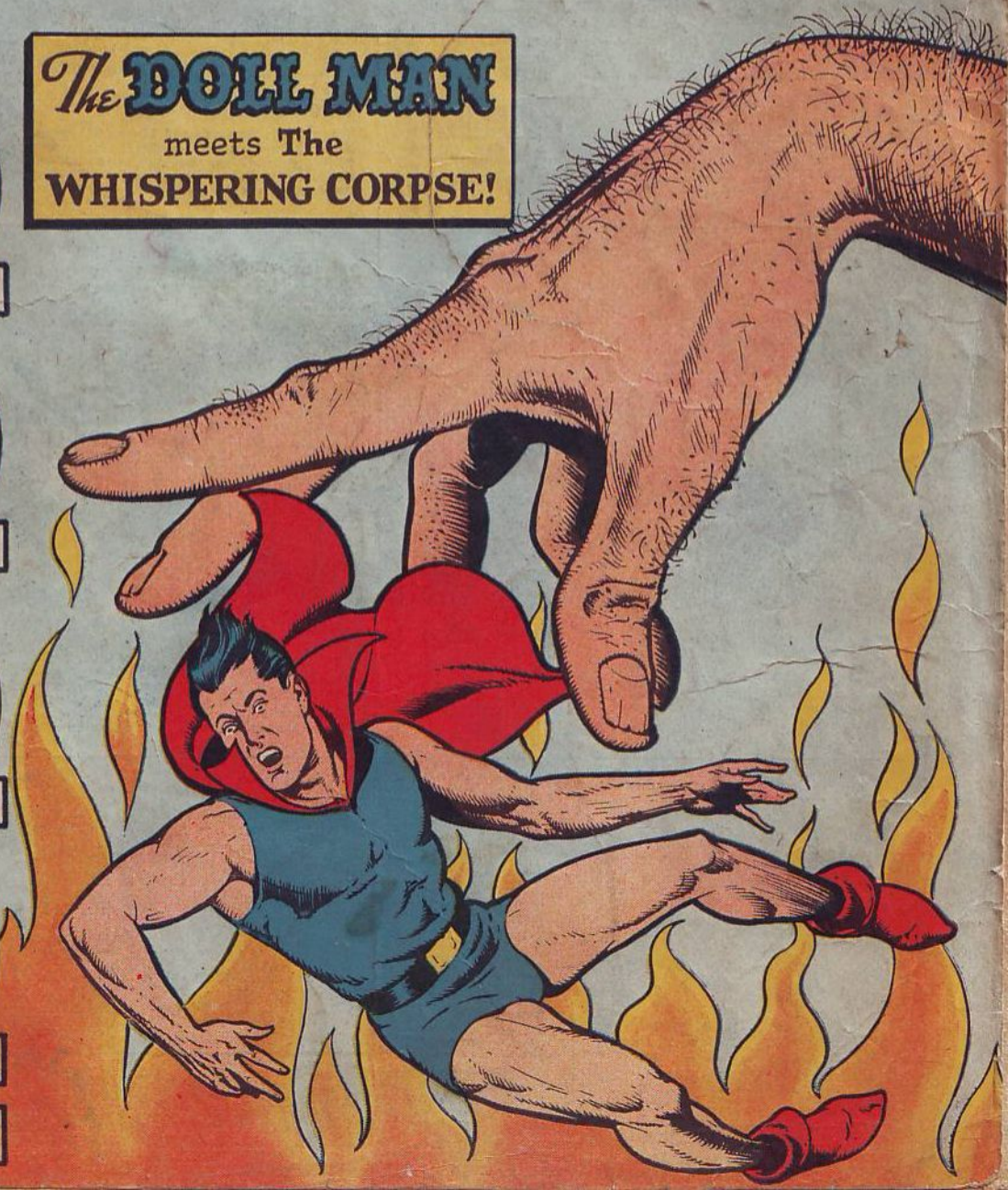


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LALA PALOOZA

No. 90 10¢



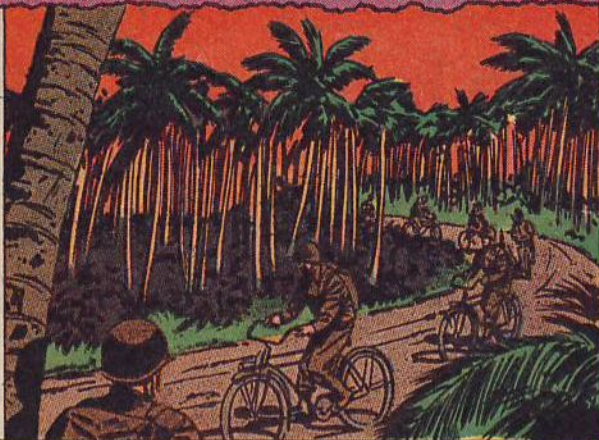
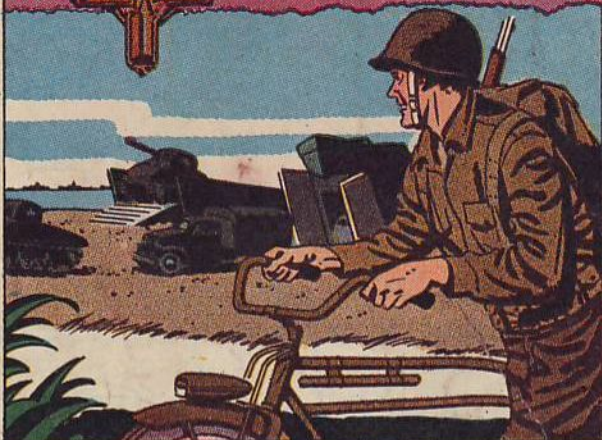


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MORROW COASTER BRAKE

Distinguished Service on All Fronts . . .
Now Again Serving on the Home Front



1941—NORTH AFRICA

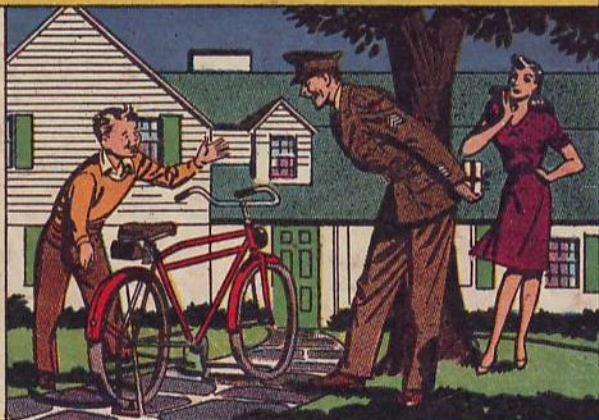


If service ribbons were awarded to coaster brakes, Morrow would wear many. Morrow Coaster Brakes have served the world over . . . providing dependable brake and coaster action on bikes used by the armed forces. They were there at North Africa.

1943—GUADALCANAL



When Uncle Sam selected Morrow Coaster Brakes for use on war bicycles, he knew the punishing conditions they'd serve in . . . like the jungle trails, mud roads, steep hills of Guadalcanal. He knew Morrows could take it.



JUNE 1944—FRANCE



Airborne troops hit the Normandy soil ready for action, and their war bikes parachuted down with them. Silent-operating, quick-stopping, easy-pedaling Morrow Coaster Brakes served the war fronts as they have served the home front for 41 years—dependably.

1945—U. S. A.

MORROW
COASTER BRAKES

This may be the Victory year . . . peace will return . . . you'll look forward to a brand new bike, and you'll want it Morrow-equipped. It's the big, husky coaster brake for glide-ride coasting and easy pedaling . . . with power to stop quickly and smoothly.

- ★ Quick Stops
- ★ Easy Pedaling
- ★ Long, Free Coasting



THEY'LL SOON BE BACK
AND DEALERS WILL AGAIN
HAVE MORROWS IN STOCK

Uncle Sam has released a limited number of Morrow Brakes for home front use. See your dealer, but please be patient if he's out of them temporarily. When you buy a Morrow, you buy the finest—they're worth waiting for.

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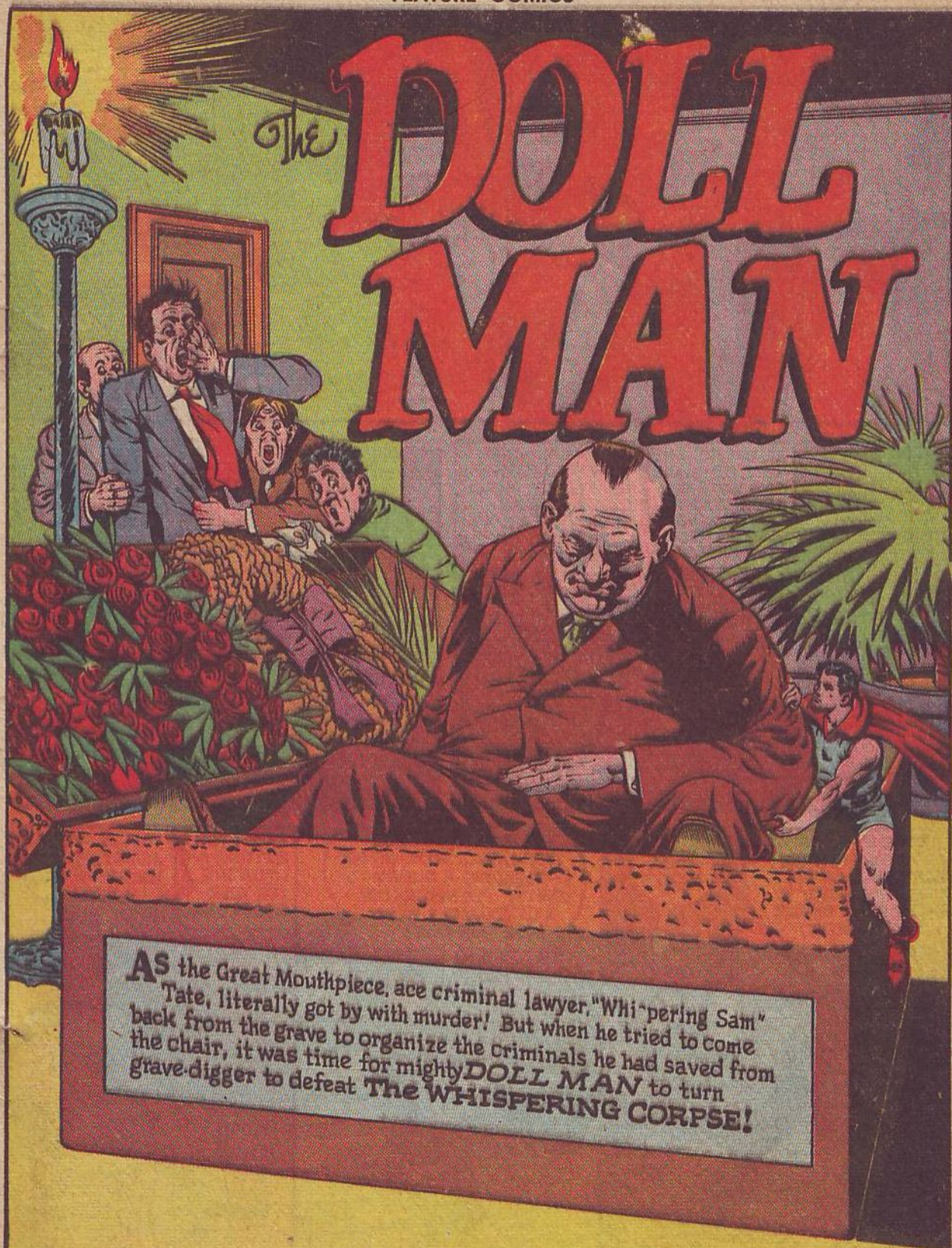
THE MORROW COASTER BRAKE

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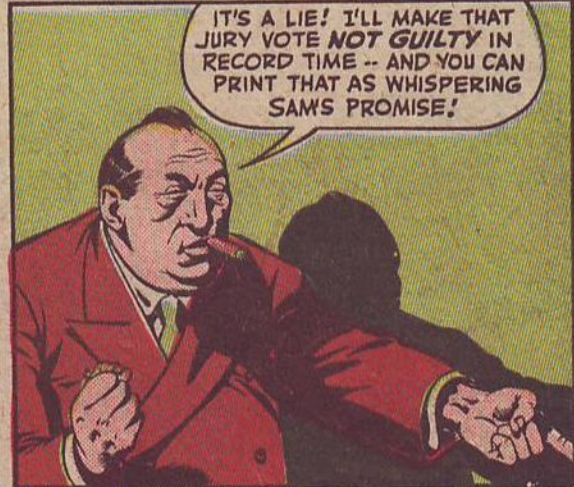
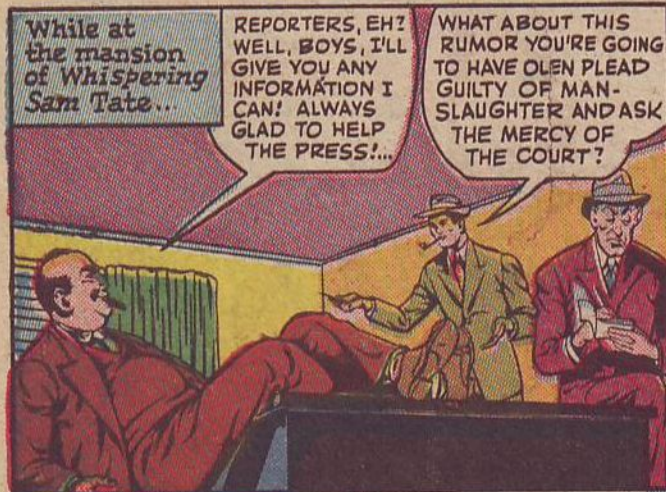
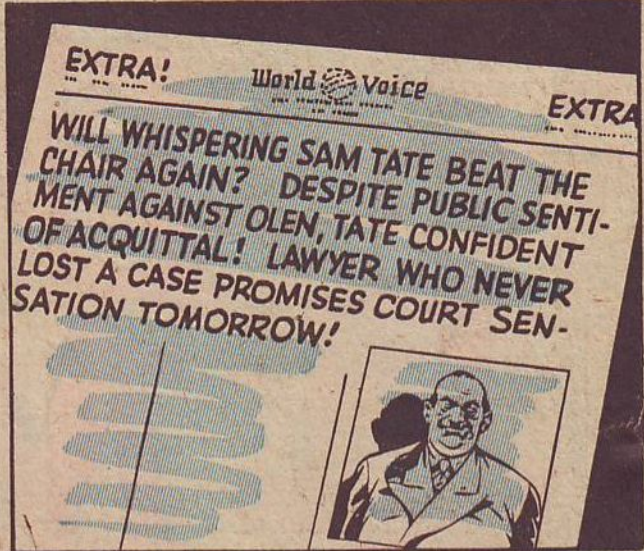
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The DOLL MAN



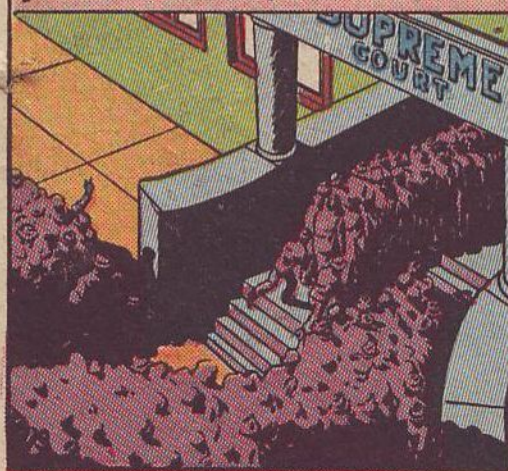
AS the Great Mouthpiece, ace criminal lawyer, "Whispering Sam" Tate, literally got by with murder! But when he tried to come back from the grave to organize the criminals he had saved from the chair, it was time for mighty **DOLL MAN** to turn grave-digger to defeat **The WHISPERING CORPSE!**



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Next day, thousands jam the court to see Whispering Sam spring his promised sensation...

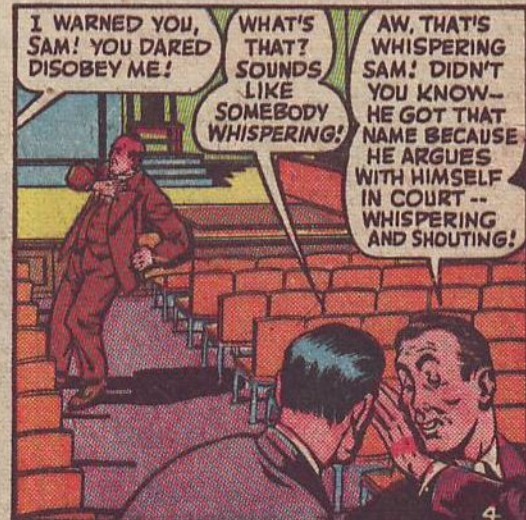
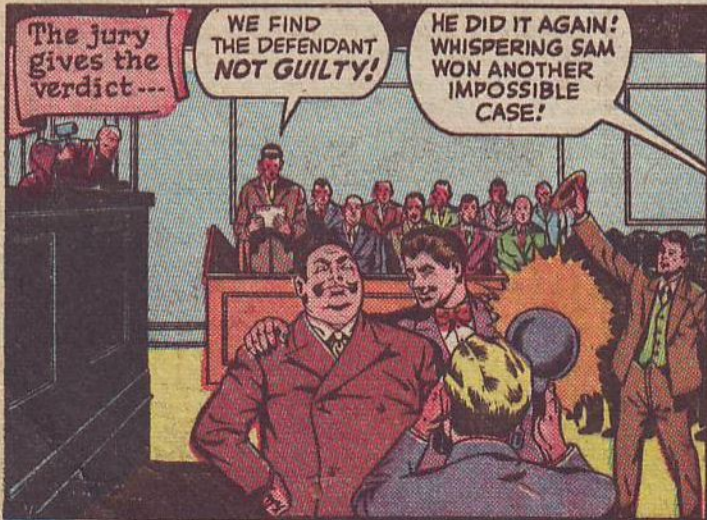
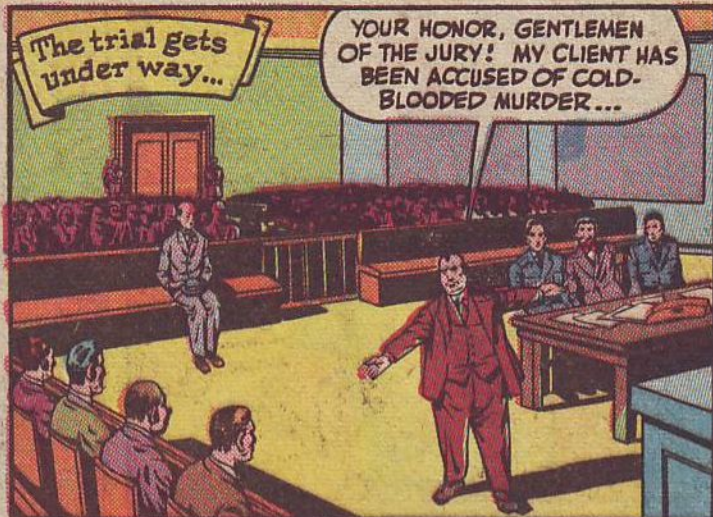


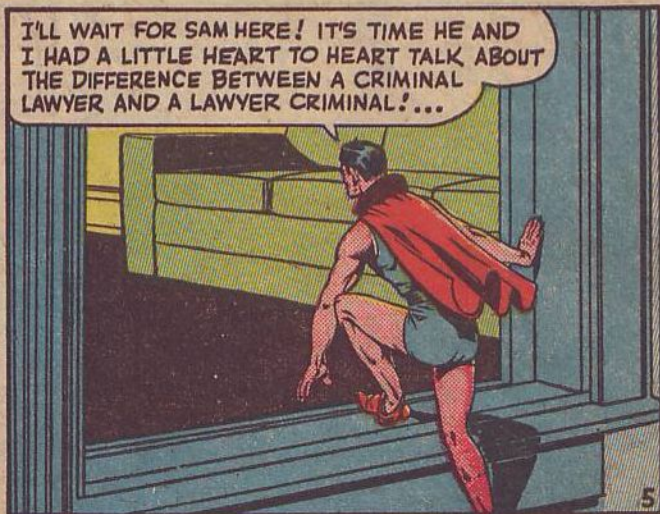
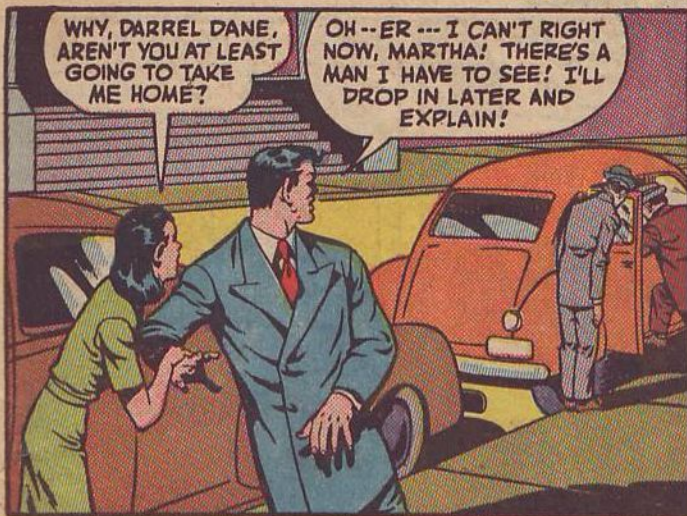
Among them is *Darrel Dane*, with his fiancée, *Martha Roberts*!

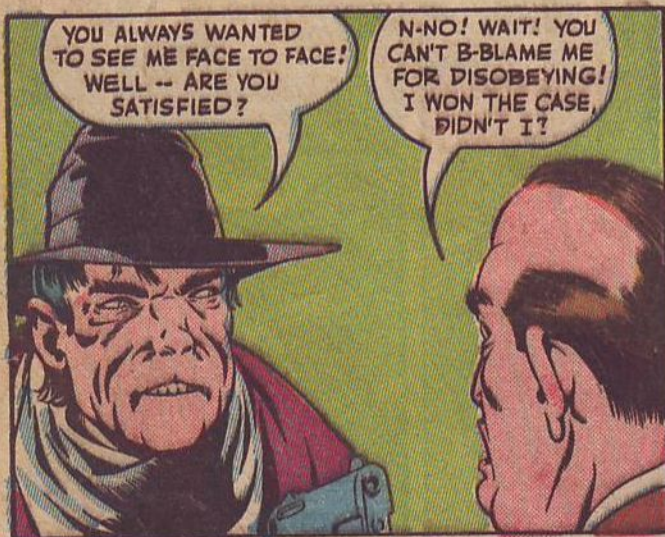
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU, DARREL! WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY SO INTERESTED IN A MURDER TRIAL?

OH -- ER -- I JUST WANT TO SEE TATE IN ACTION! HE'S BETTER THAN A THREE-RING CIRCUS WHEN HE GETS WARMED UP!

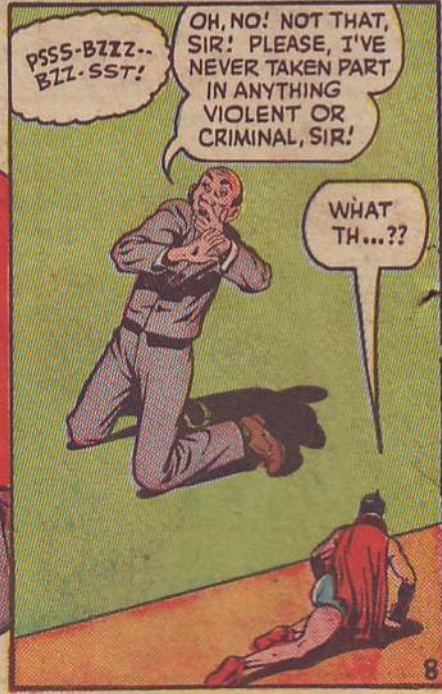
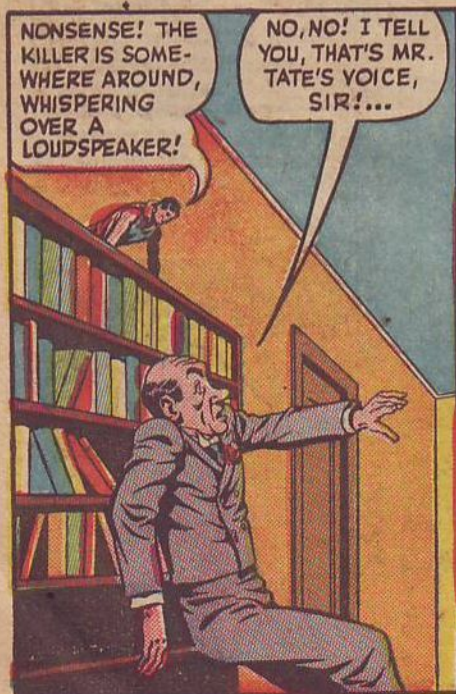
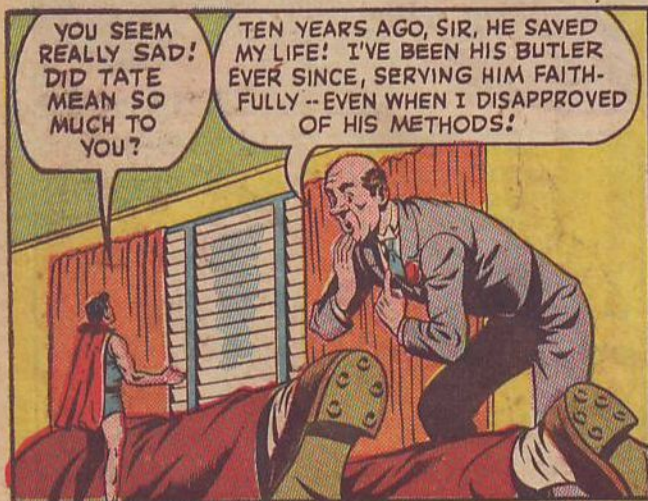
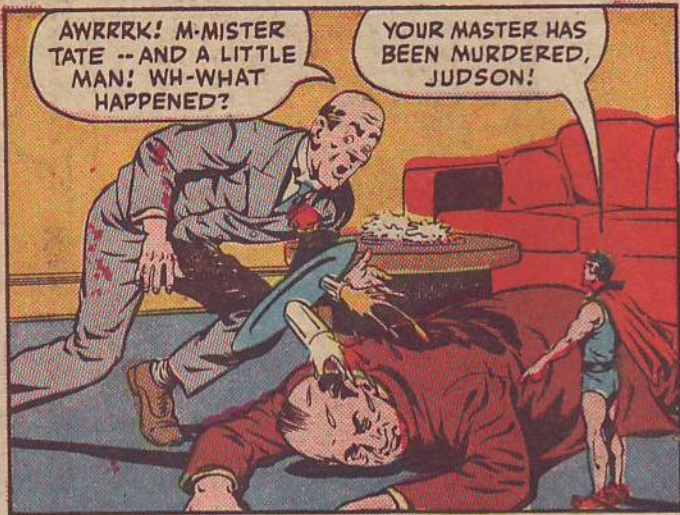


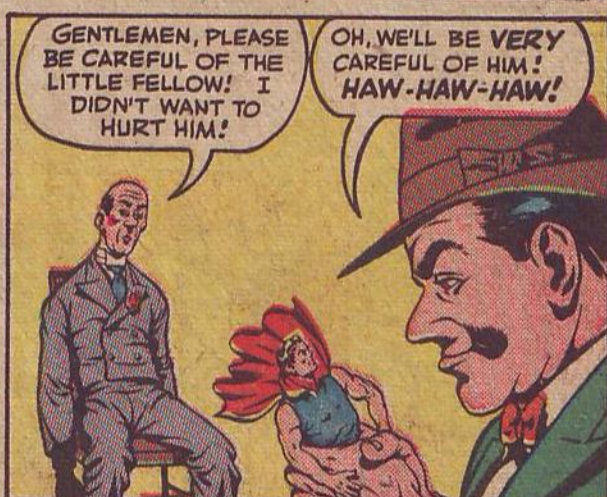


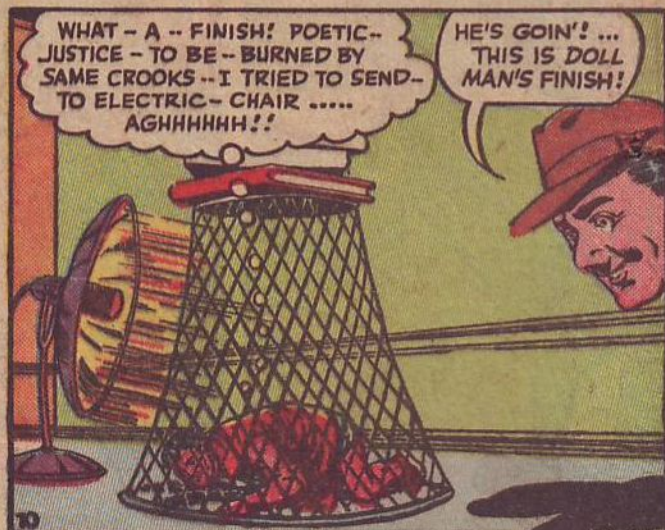




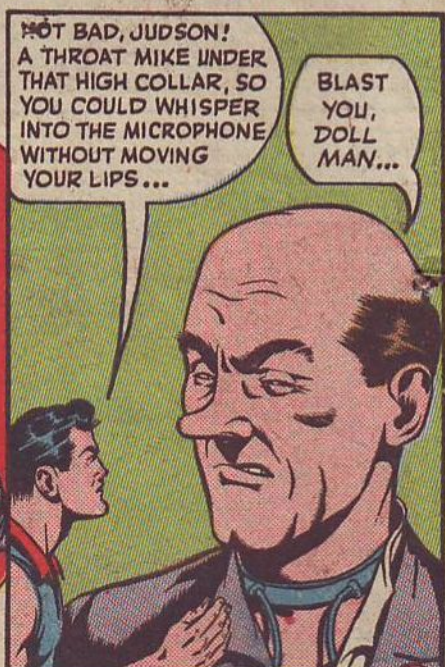
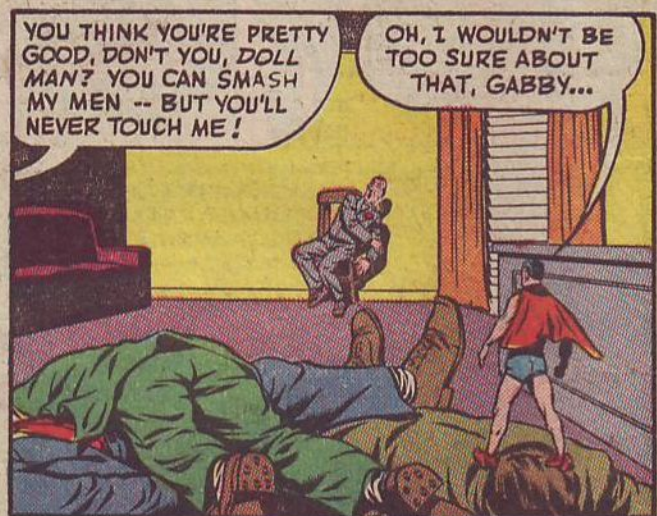
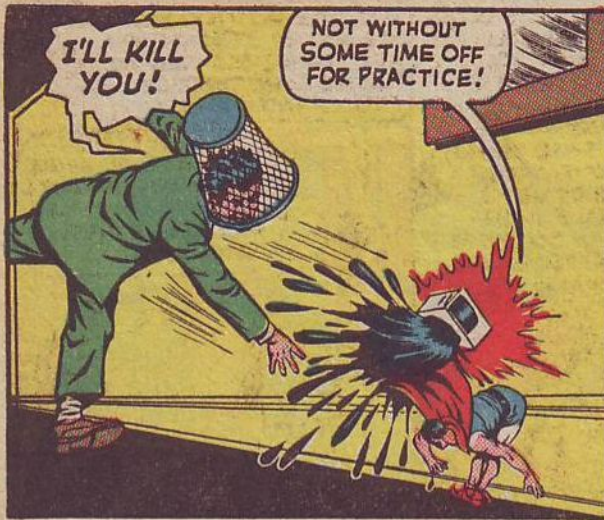












AND THAT FLOWER HIDES A TINY BUT POWERFUL DIRECTIONAL LOUDSPEAKER TO THROW THE WHISPER INTO ANOTHER PART OF THE ROOM!... THE DISGUISE YOU WORE TO KILL TATE!... IT WAS GOOD, TOO!

ALL RIGHT! YOU'VE GOT ME COLD...

YOU PLANNED IT ALL CAREFULLY, JUDSON! FOR TEN YEARS YOU SECRETLY RULED TATE! YOU WERE THE BRAINS-- TATE THE MOUTHPIECE!

RIGHT! I HAD BRAINS, BUT MY APPEARANCE WAS AGAINST ME! I COULDN'T MAKE AN IMPRESSION IN COURT WITH MY MEAK PERSONALITY...

BUT TATE GOT TOO BIG FOR HIS BOOTS! I HAD TO KILL HIM! THEN I PLANNED TO RUN HIS GANG THROUGH FEAR OF TATE'S GHOST!

PRETTY CLEVER-- PRETENDING TO ARGUE WITH YOURSELF! BUT I KNEW THE WHISPERER HAD TO BE SOMEBODY INTIMATE WITH TATE!

AND I WAS HIS ONLY INTIMATE! VERY CLEVER, DOLL MAN! I'LL TELL YOU THAT BEFORE I KILL YOU...

HO-HMMM! HERE WE GO AGAIN!

SAME OLD MERRY-GO-ROUND! WE ALWAYS GET OFF AT THE SAME SPOT!

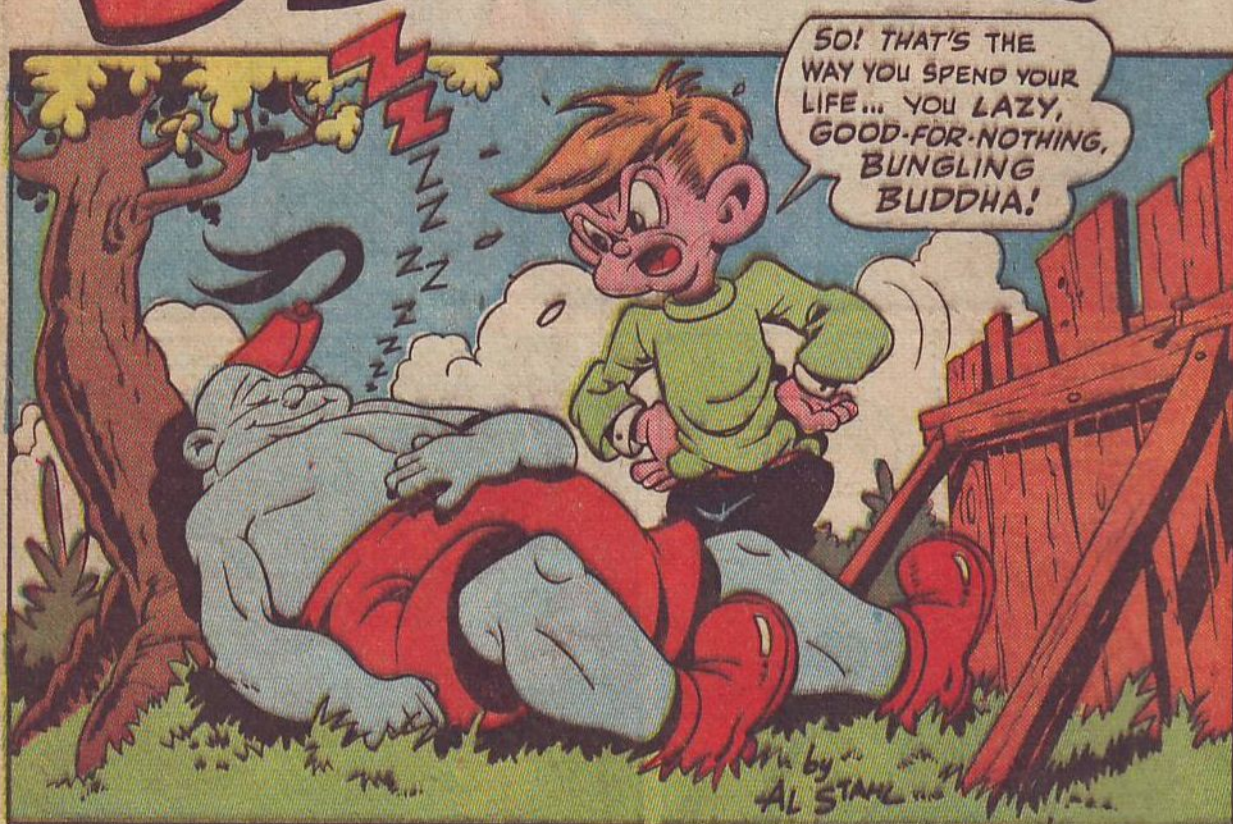
THAT'S RIGHT, SERGEANT! SEND THE WAGON TO PICK UP A GANG OF KILLERS-- AND A CORPSE!

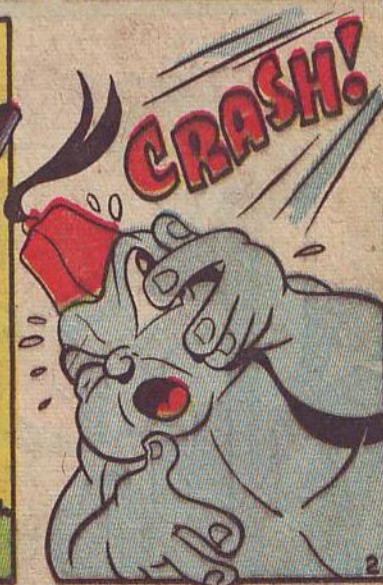
But even Darrell Dane meets problems DOLL MAN can't cope with...

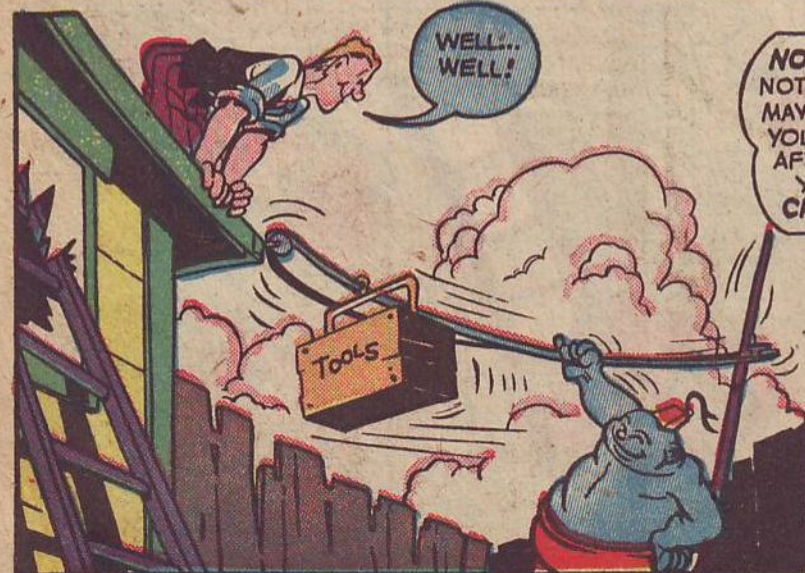
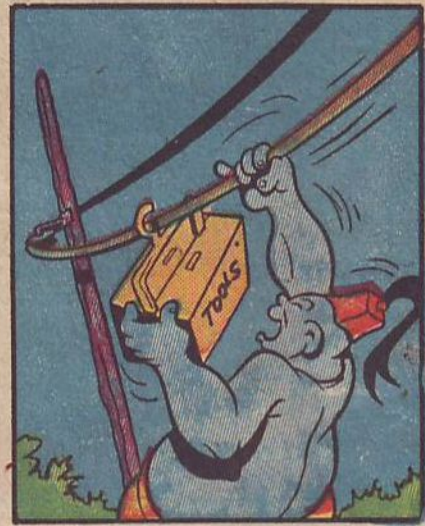
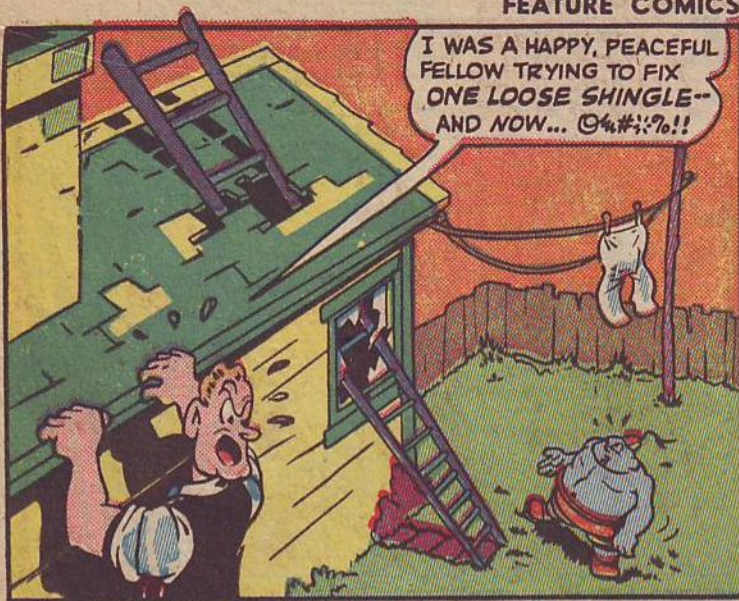
B-BUT MARTHA, I GOT BACK AS FAST AS I COULD...

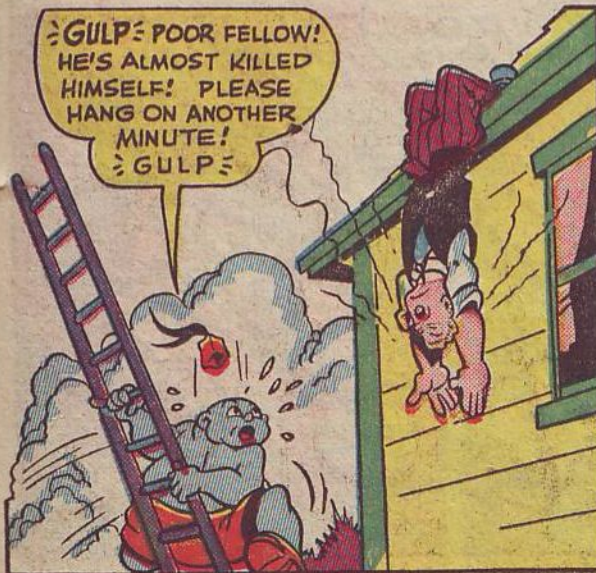
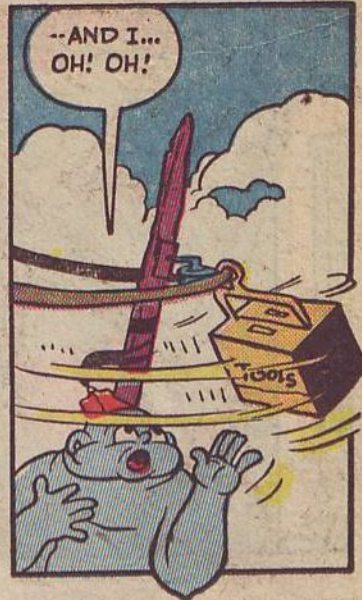
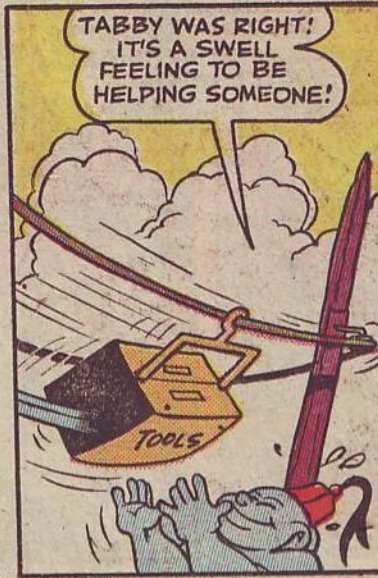
A FINE WAY TO TREAT YOUR FIANCEE! SEND HER HOME ALONE AND GO RUNNING OFF TO STAY HALF THE NIGHT WHILE I WAIT AND WORRY!

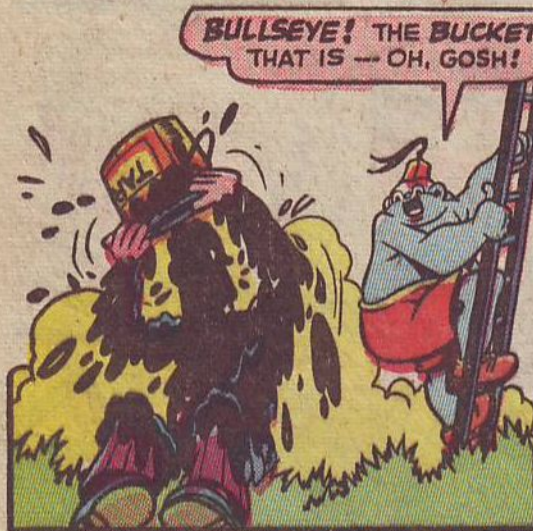
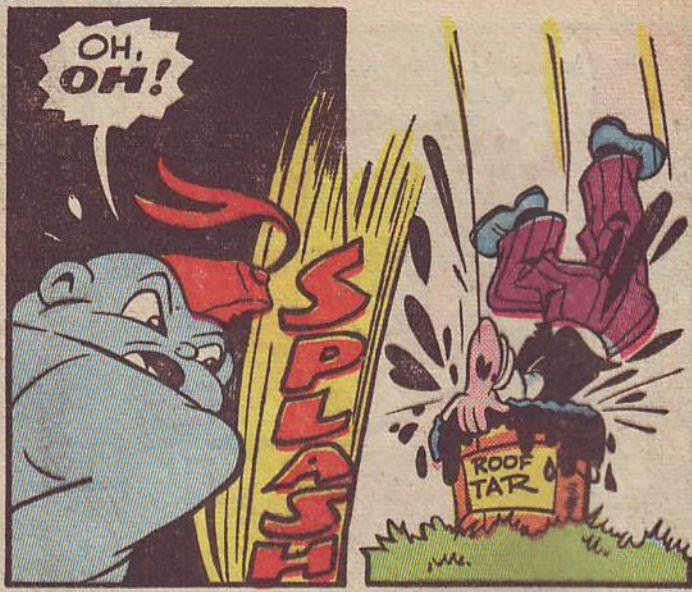
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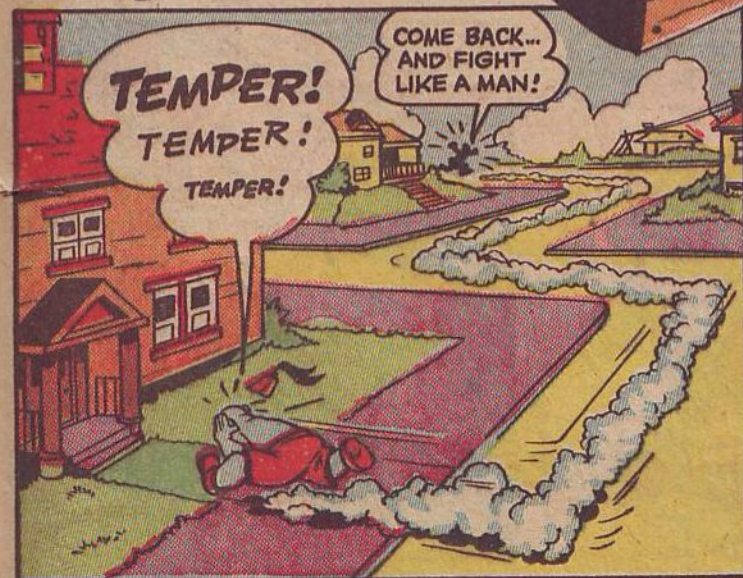
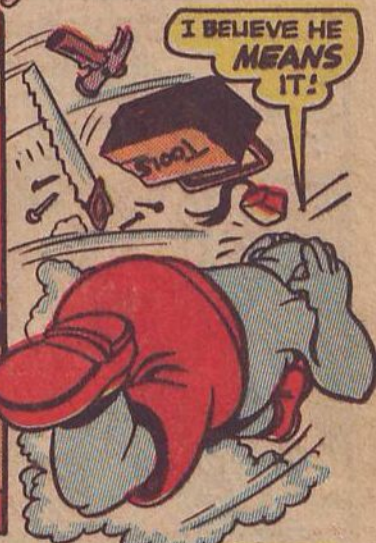
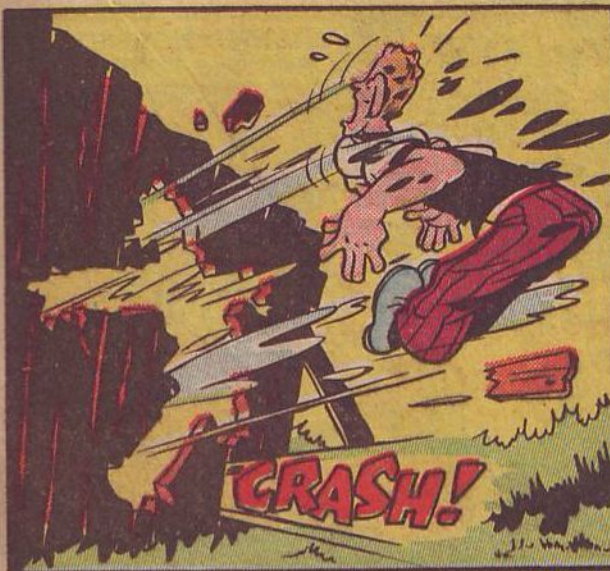


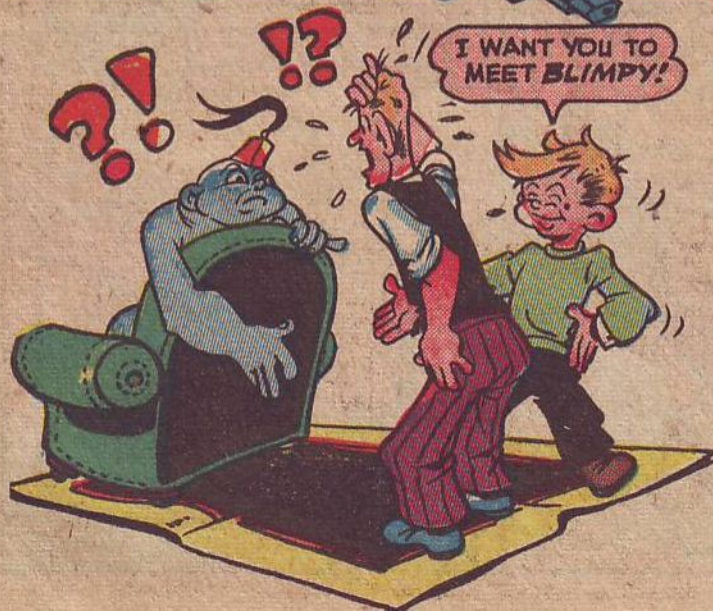
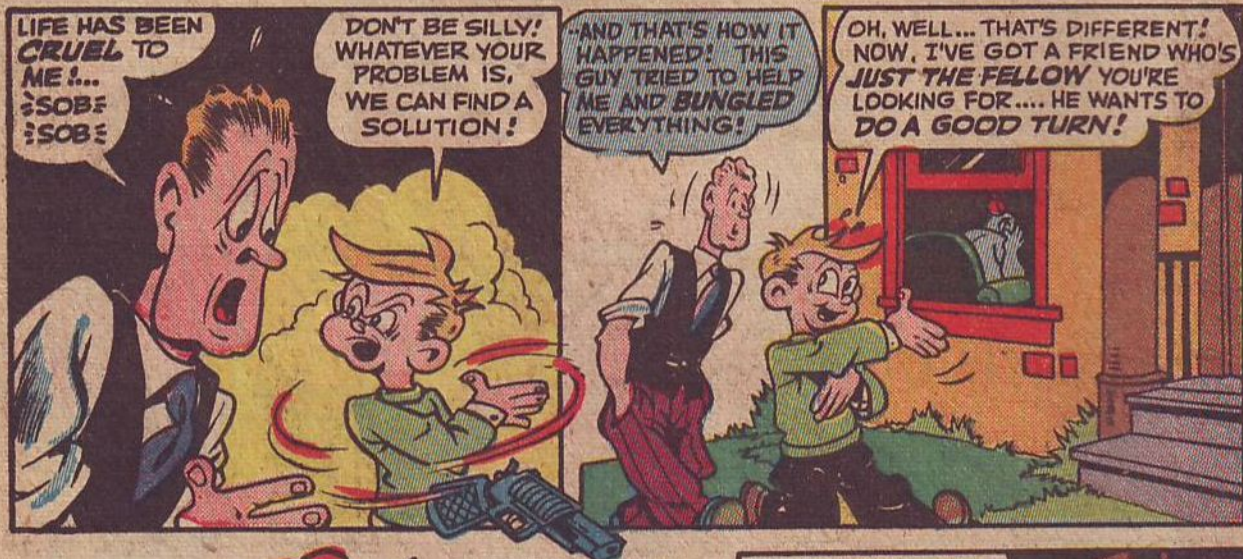
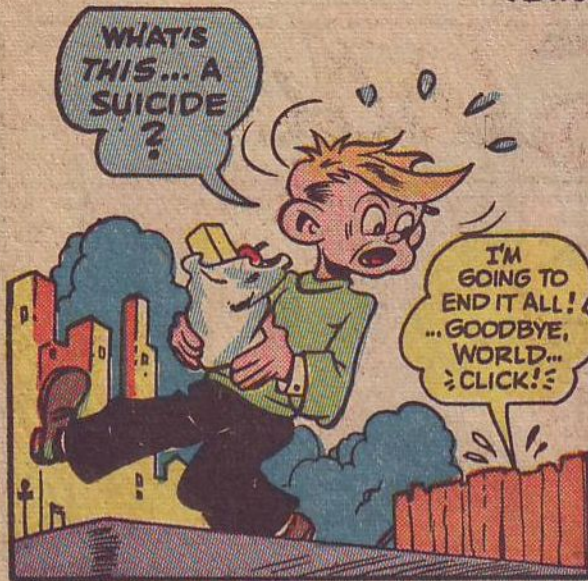






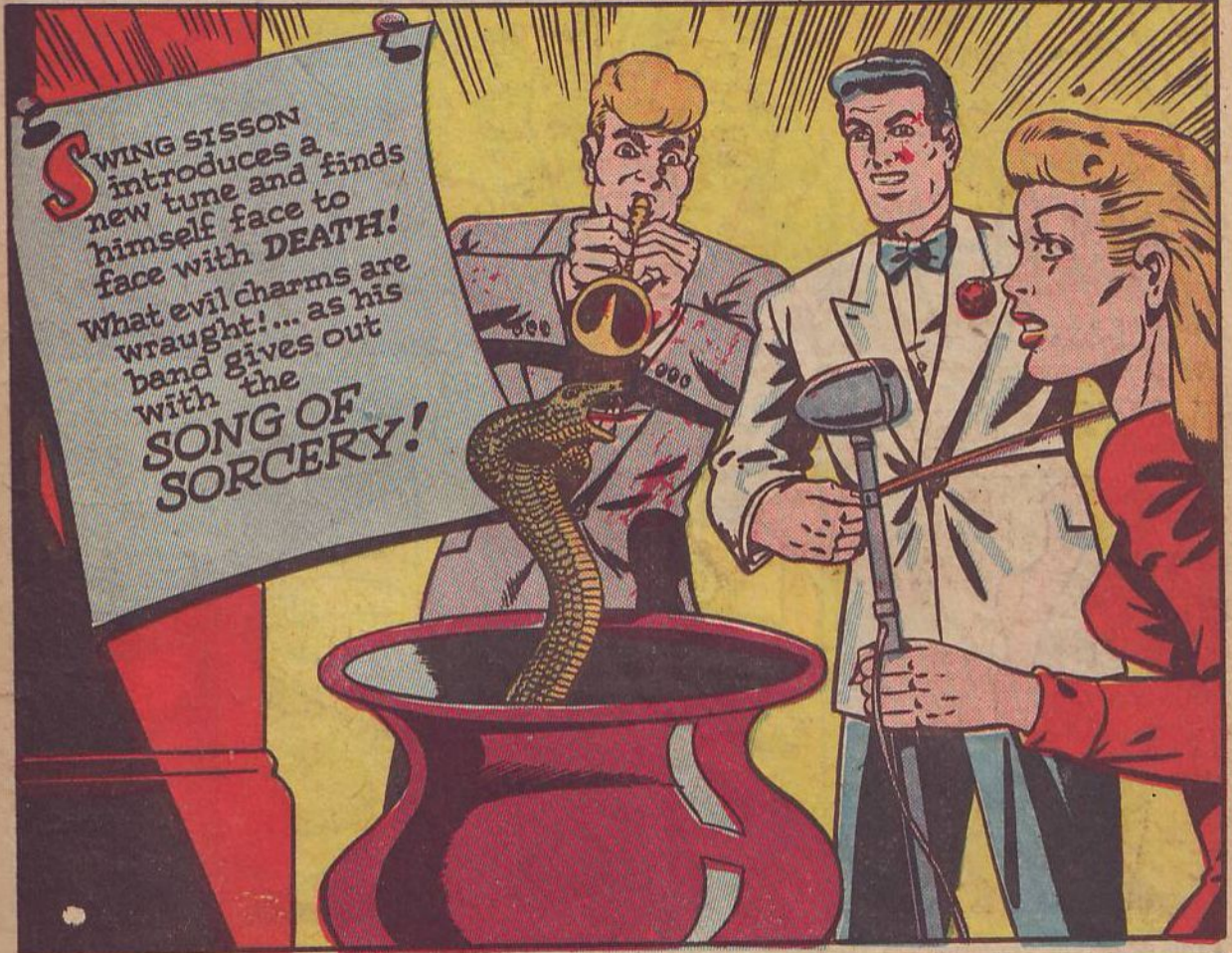






Swing Sisson

by Vernon Henkel



And, later that night--as the Clover Club waits expectantly...

LEND AN EAR, FRIENDS! ...FOR HERE'S A CATCHY, TWITCHY LITTLE NUMBER STRAIGHT FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD, WITH BONNIE ON THE VOCAL! TURN IT OVER, BOYS!



EERO MAHNDAPAHNDA--
TOKHTA--

YOU HEAR! THE SONG OF SORCERY--ALREADY OUR CULT SPREADS!



AND THAT WINDS US UP FOR JUST LONG ENOUGH TO CATCH A BREATH, FOLKS! SEE YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN!

LET US SEE HIM AT HIS DRESSING ROOM!

BURRA SALAAM, BROTHER! WE GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF GREAT GAVRO...

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

THE SONG OF SORCERY! YOU KNOW IT, WHICH MEANS YOU ARE OF OUR FIGHTING BROTHERHOOD!

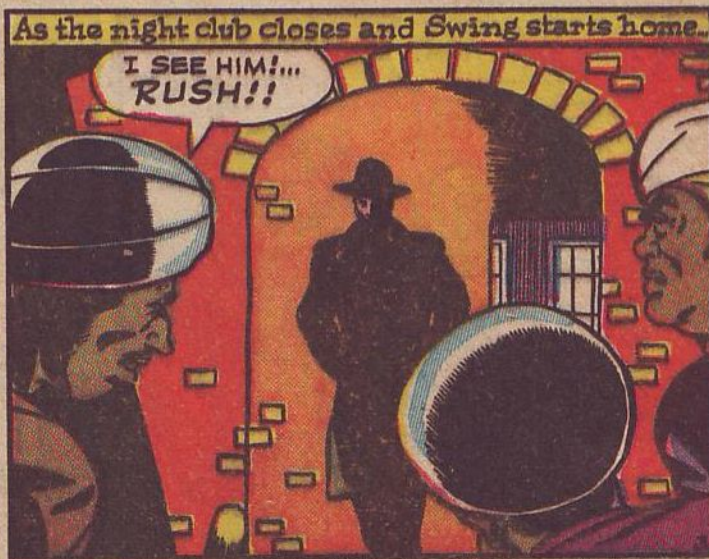
OH, THE NUMBER WE JUST TOSSED OFF?



THE COPS FOUND IT ON A DEAD MAN! I THOUGHT IT WAS SNAPPY, SO WE PLAYED IT! IF YOU KNOW WHAT---

SCOFFING UNBELIEVER! YOU PAY FOR SACRILEGE!

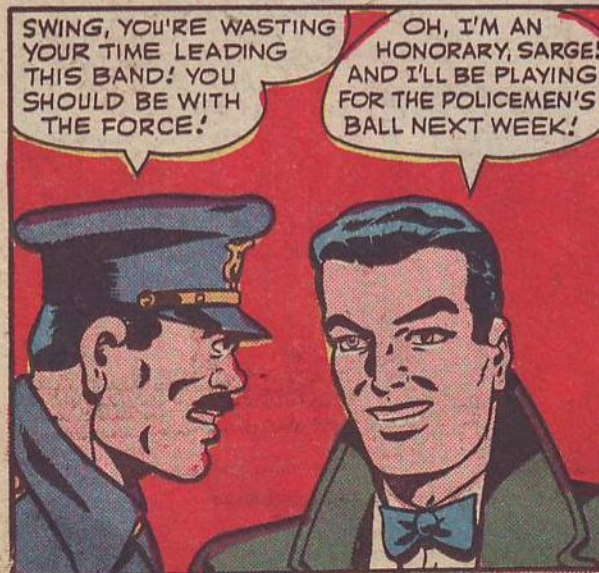
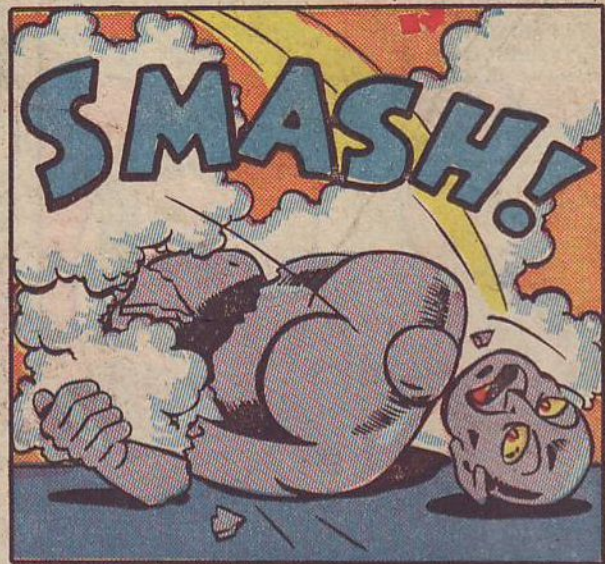




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Lala Delooza

BERSERK SPINSTER
SLAYS SPONGING
BROTHER WITH SHOVEL!
--DID IT AND I'M
GLAD! SAYS BLONDE
ATTACKER!

OH, THE
POOR
FELLER!



"HE WOULDN'T WORK," SAYS
SOBBING SISTER: "HE JUST
LAID AROUND ON THE COUCH
ALL DAY EATING BANANAS AND
GETTING FATTER
AND FATTER!"



"I'VE BEEN SUPPORTING
HIM SINCE I WAS THIRTEEN,
BUT HE NEVER KNEW
HOW I FELT ABOUT HIM
UNTIL THE DAY I BOPPED
HIM WITH THAT
SHOVEL!"



POLICE CHIEF O'GINSBERG
TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE
FEARS THE USUAL EPIDEMIC OF
SIMILAR CRIMES, INSPIRED
BY THE NEWS STORIES
OF THE TRAGEDY!



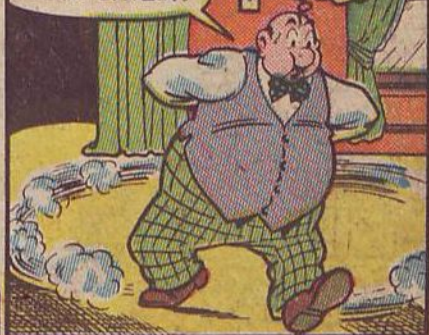
HEH-HEH! MAYBE I'D
BETTER NOT LET LALA
SEE THE PAPER TODAY--

OH,
BUT THAT'S
SILLY!--



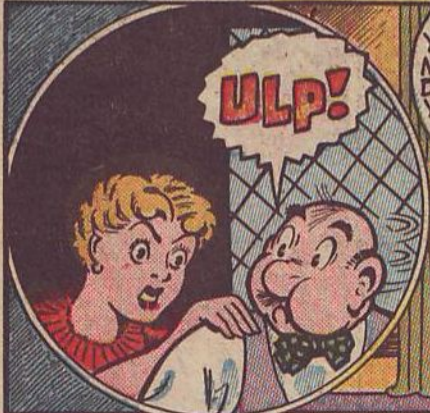
I W-O-N-D-E-R---
THOUGH---HMMM--
SHE'S BEEN
GIVIN' ME SOME
VERY PECULIAR
LOOKS LATELY!

AND SHE
ALWUZ COULD
SNEAK UP ON A
FELLER WITHOUT
HIM KNOWIN'
IT!



ULP!

IT MAY SEEM LIKE A TRIFLE TO
YOU, VINCENT, BUT FOR WEEKS,
MONTHS, YEARS--LIKE WATER
DRIPPING ON MY HEAD--THIS GIVING
YOU AN ALLOWANCE EVERY WEEK
HAS JUST ABOUT TWISTED MY
MIND INTO
A KNOT!--



BUT--THAT'LL--SOON--
BE--ALL--OVER--NOW--
VINCENT! HEH-HEH!

DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
LIKE
THAT!



YOU'LL BURN!--
THAT'S WHAT
THEY'LL DO TO
YOU!

LOOK, LALA! FIRST I'LL GET YOU A
DOCTOR! THEN ME FOR A JOB--
HONEST! --NEW LEAF--FINGERS
TO GRINDSTONE--NOSE TO THE
BONE!--FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE--
GIMME A CHANCE!

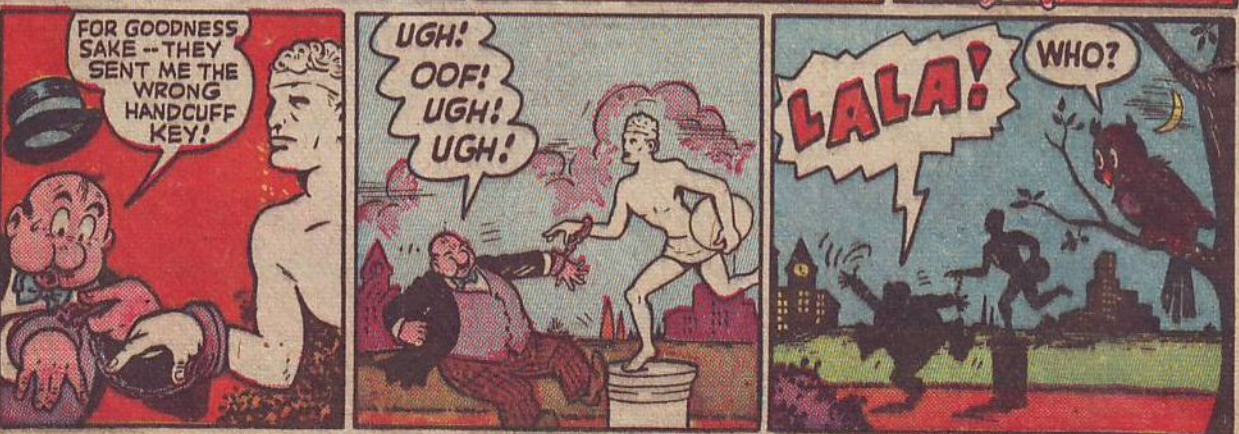
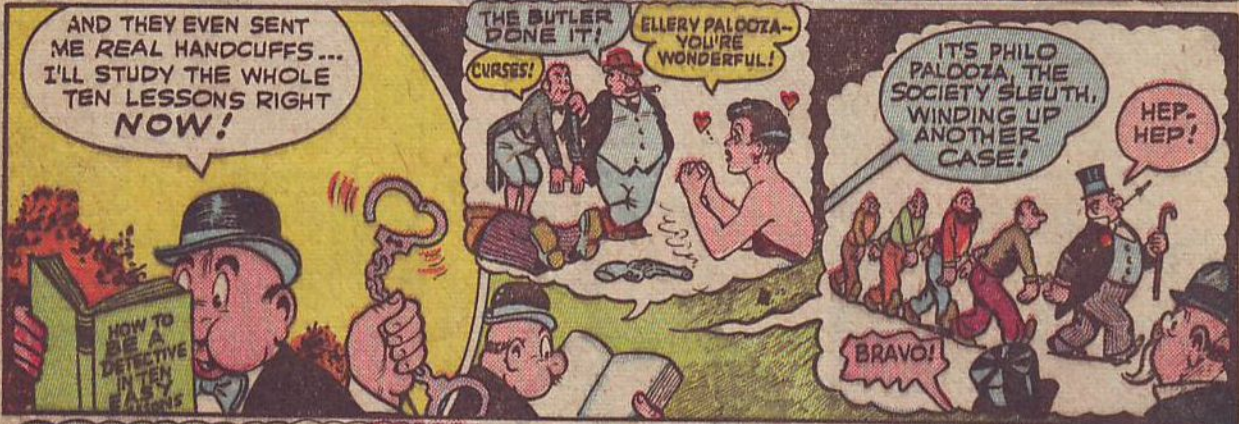


WHAT AILS THE OAF? I
WAS ONLY PUTTING HIM
ON A MONTHLY INSTEAD
OF THAT WEEKLY
PAY NUISANCE!

WHEN IT'S A
MATTER OF
MURDER, EVEN
I CAN GET
A JOB!



LALA PALOOZA





PERKYPESTUS GOOFYKIDIA --
otherwise known as

PERKY

A stubborn little growth found in worlds that lie beyond our own -- It all started when Perky stepped into the amateur magician's vanishing box at the vaudeville show! Since then, every time the fake magician turns the lever on the box, Perky goes off on a new adventure!

SHE LOVES ME --- SHE LOVES ME NOT --- SHE LOVES ME --- SHE LOVES ME NOT!



HERE WE GO AGAIN, FOLKS!

AHH! WHAT A PLACE TO LAND! PLENTY OF NICE SOFT FLOWERS-- AND ---



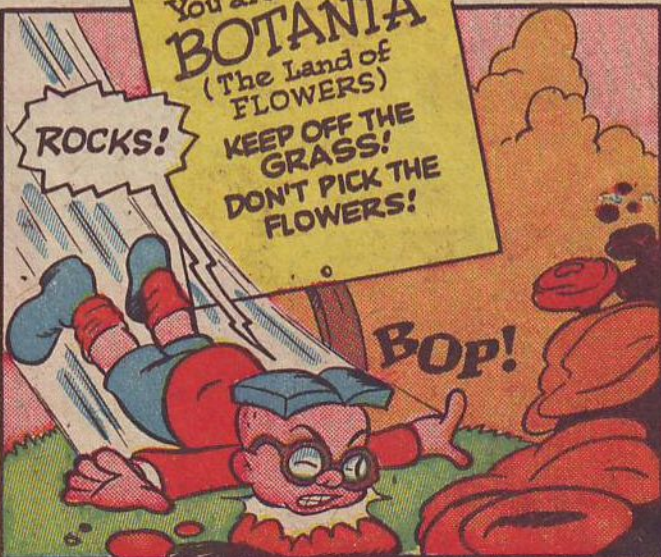
Black-Eyed Susie

Tiger Lily

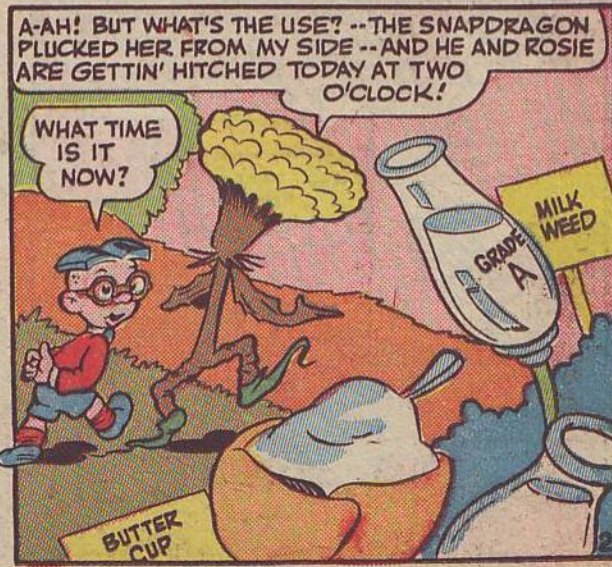
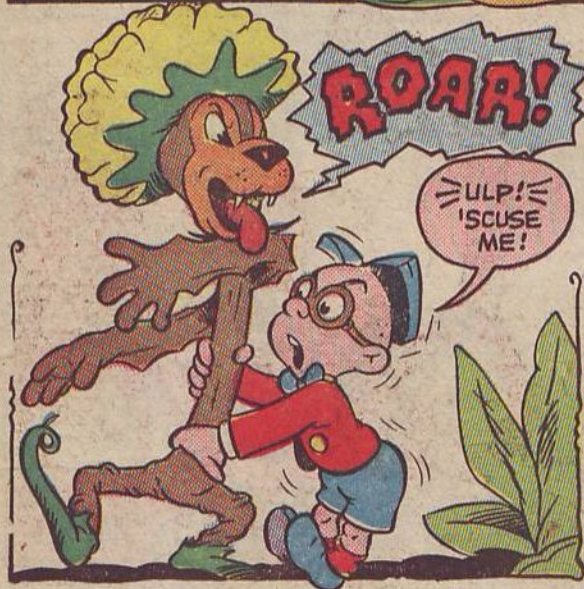
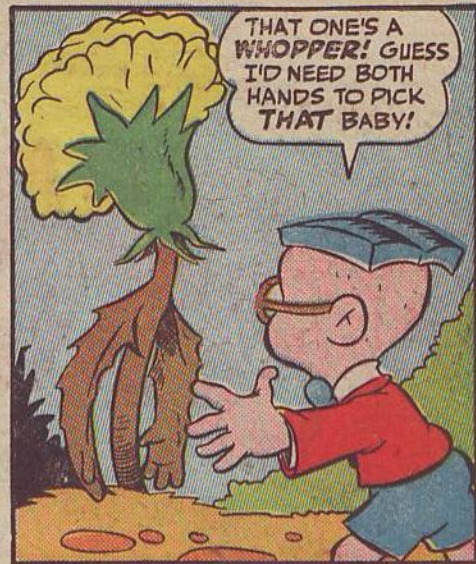
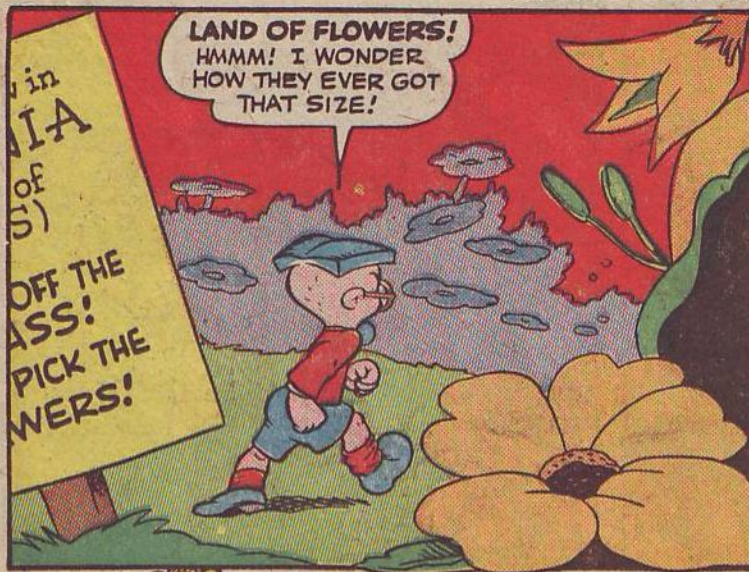
You are now in
BOTANIA
(The Land of FLOWERS)

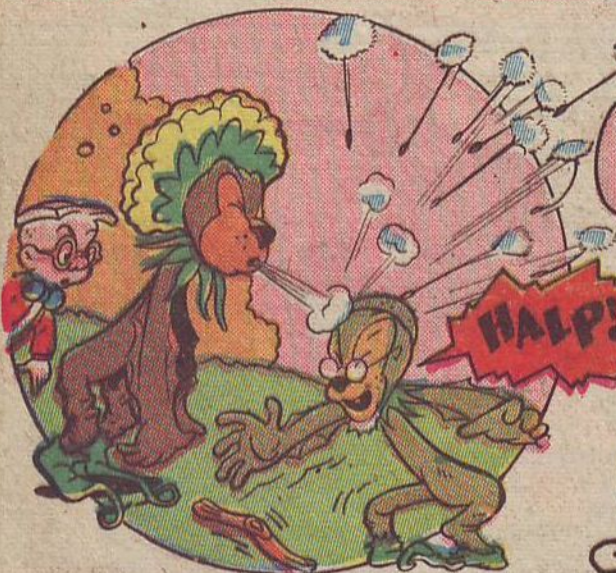
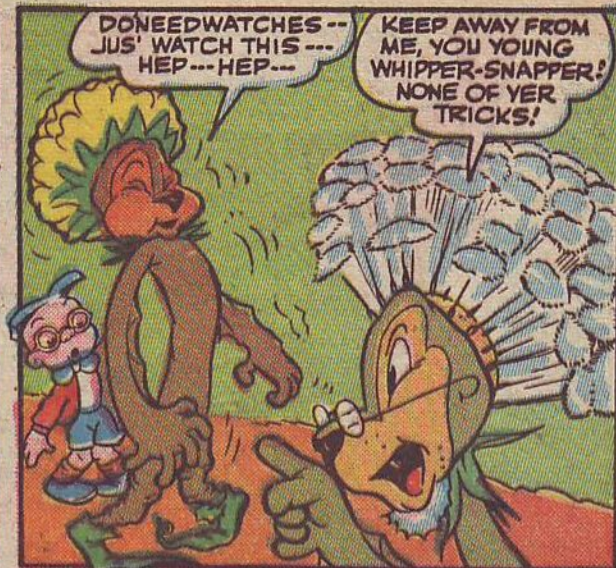
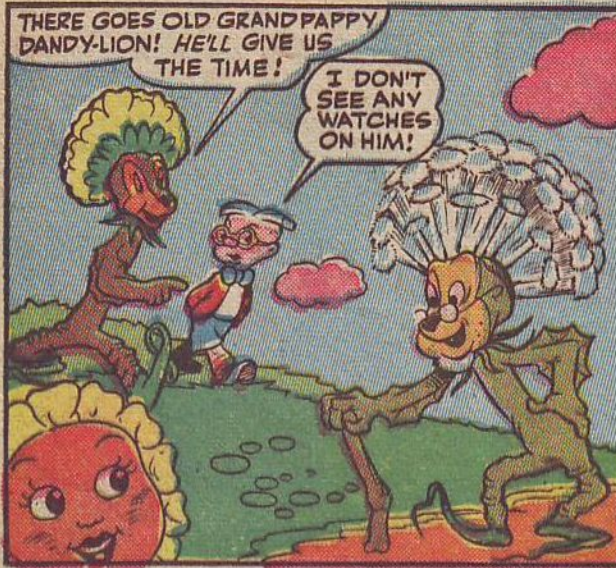
ROCKS!

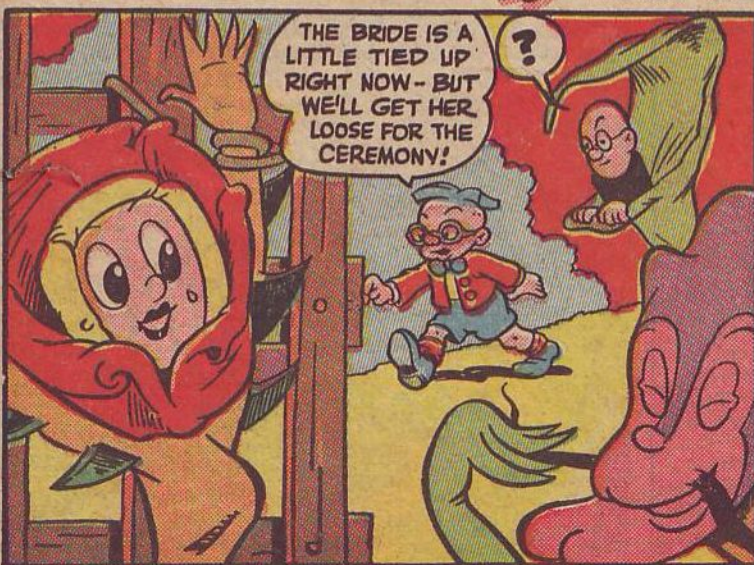
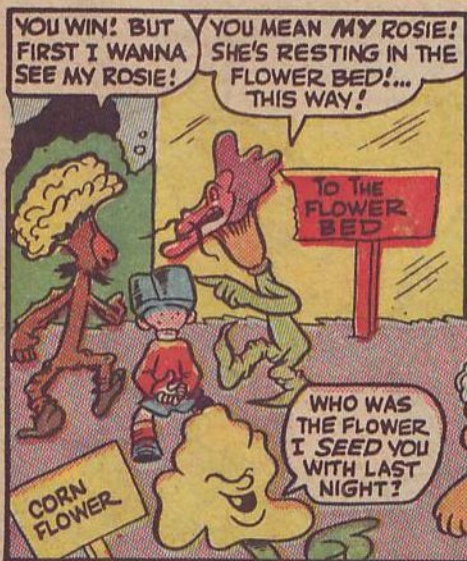
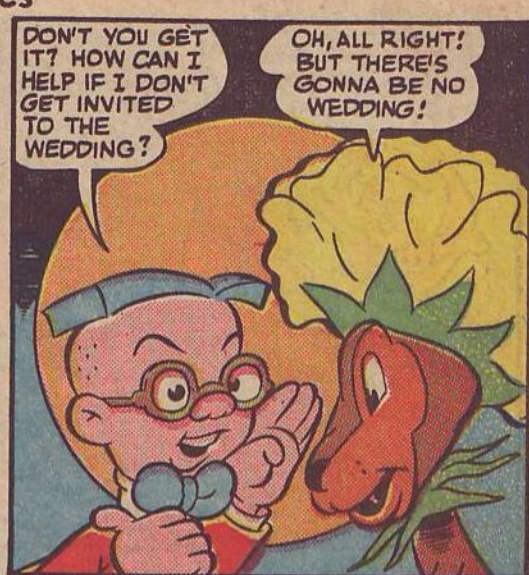
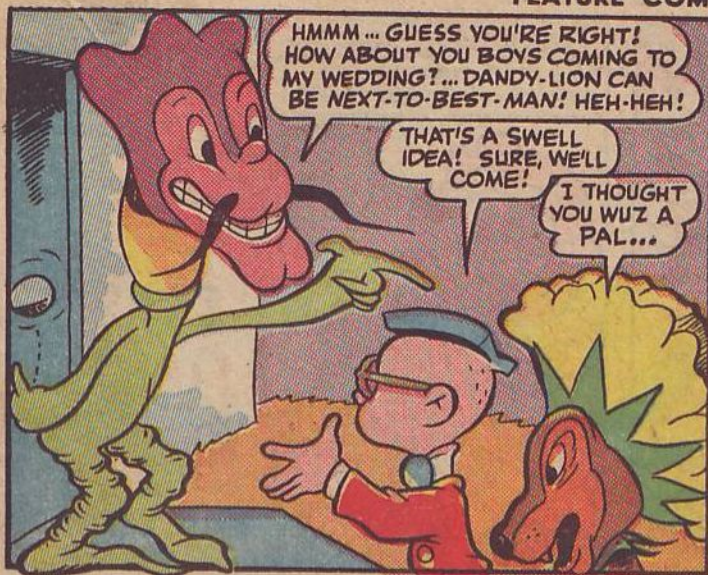
KEEP OFF THE GRASS!
DON'T PICK THE FLOWERS!

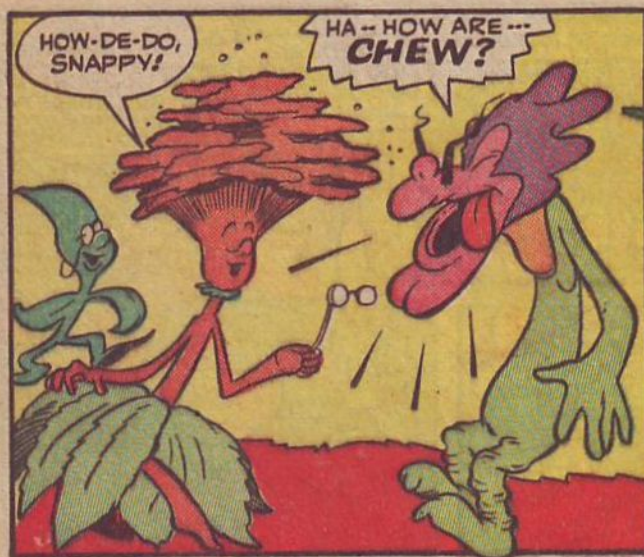
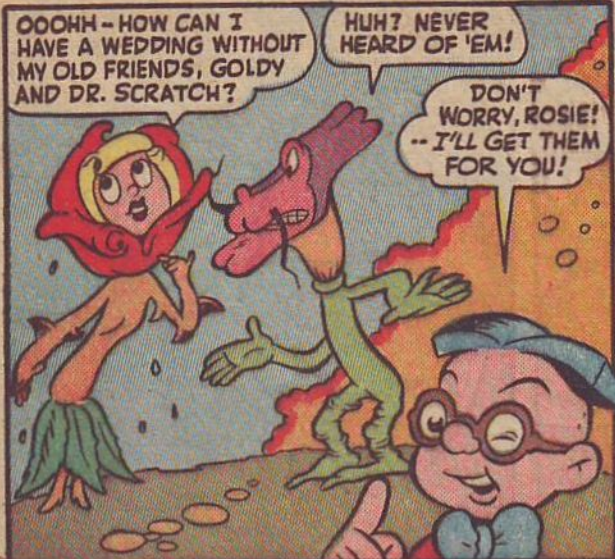


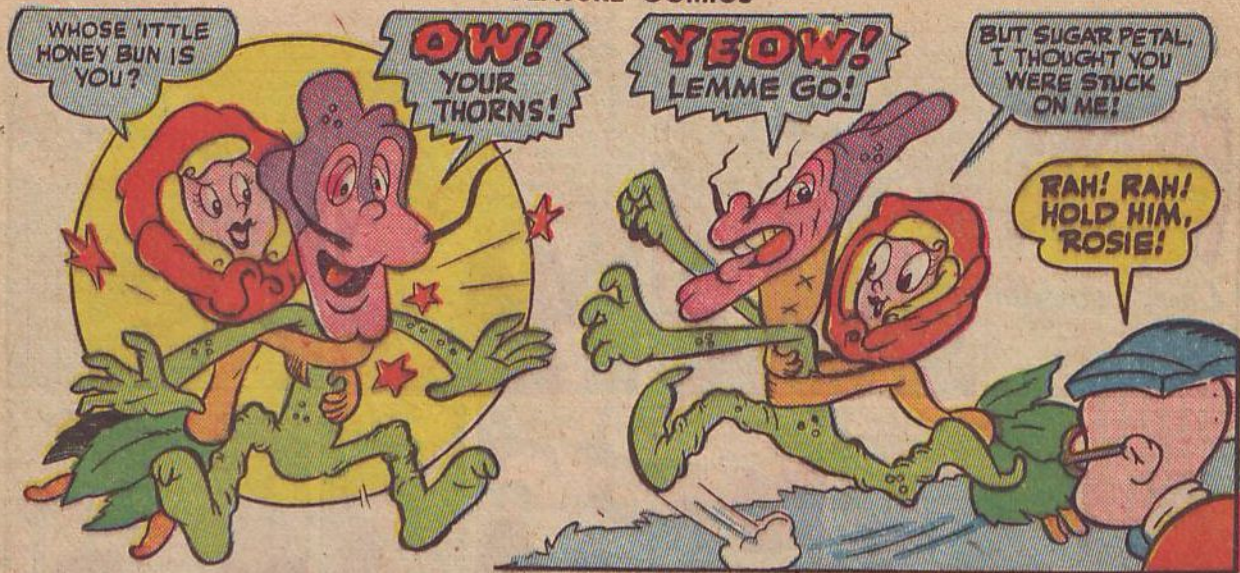
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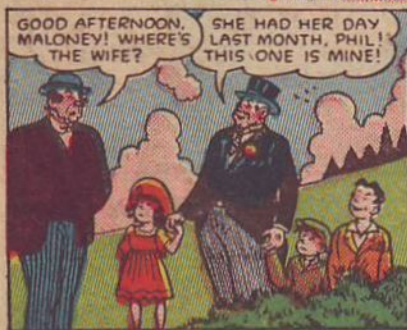






MICKEY FINN

by LANK LEONARD



NIPPIE

HE'S OFTEN WRONG



FEATURE COMICS

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YOU LOOK A LITTLE WORRIED THIS MORNING, MICKEY— IS ANYTHING WRONG?

NO—I GUESS I'M JUST THINKIN' OF HOME— AND ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE AROUND THE HOUSE EVERY SUMMER.

WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE LITTLE THINGS—YOUR UNCLE PHIL IS THERE TO DO THEM, ISN'T HE?

YES—BUT THAT'S JUST IT—HE ISN'T VERY HANDY!

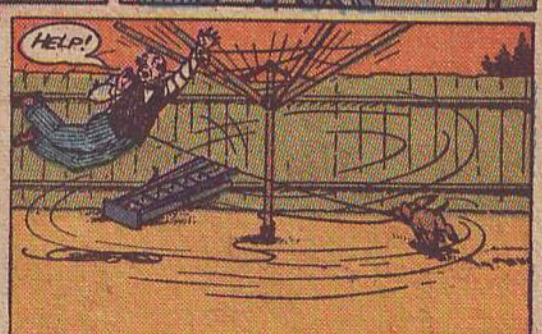
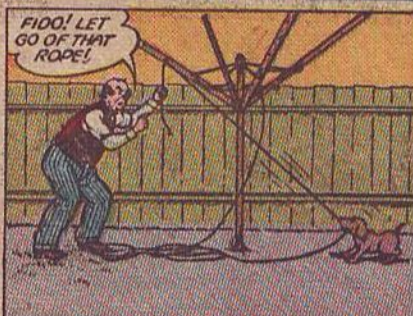
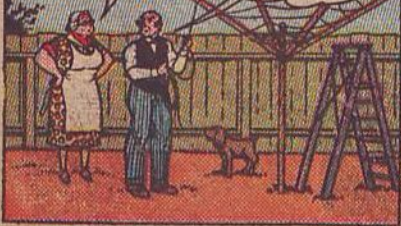
PHILIP—YOU'VE BEEN GOING TO PUT THIS NEW ROPE ON THE CLOTHES DRYER FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS!

OKAY—I'LL DO IT THIS MINUTE.

I KNEW YOU DIDN'T START LACING IT RIGHT, PHILIP! NOW THE LINES WON'T COME OUT EVEN!

DO ME A FAVOR, PLEASE! GO IN THE HOUSE AND LET ME FIGURE IT OUT BY MYSELF!

I GUESS I SHOULD'VE STARTED FROM THE BOTTOM!



NIPPIE

HE'S OFTEN WRONG

YOU MEAN YOU FLUNKED ALL YOUR FINAL EXAMS ON PURPOSE?

THAT'S RIGHT—I DIDN'T WANT TO BE PROMOTED BECAUSE I KNEW TILLIE SMITH WOULDN'T BE.

GEE, NIPPIE I GUESS YOU'RE A BIGGER DOPE THAN SHE IS!

WELL, I LOVE HER! AND I WANT TO BE NEAR HER ALL THE TIME—AH—HERE SHE COMES NOW!

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN—GOOD-BY?

MY FATHER HAS A NEW JOB, NIPPIE!—WE'RE MOVING OUT OF TOWN!



MICKEY FINN

by LANK LEONARD



NIPPIE

HE'S OFTEN WRONG



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ROAD TO EMPIRE

THEY were sitting around a roaring fire one night high in the Sierras, listening to an old-timer tell of his experiences in the early New Mexico country. This old chap had been a wild horse wrangler and he had some good ones to tell.

"How about you, Perry?" someone said to Perry Scott. "Seems you claim to have historical antecedents, don't you? Give us a yarn!"

"Perry grinned. "Well, now that we're on the subject of New Mexico I might oblige you. Ever hear of John Peyton?"

Nobody had.

It is said that in the year 1774 (went on Perry) there arrived in St. Louis from the West an American, named John Peyton, who had been captured by the Spaniards on the Texas-gulf coast and whose person exhibited the effects of a year spent in a dungeon in Santa Fe, the capital of Mexico's frontier province of New Mexico. Naturally, Peyton was in no mood to boost the trade possibilities of the adobe city after his harsh treatment there, but he told folks other things.

He let them know that it was the Spaniards' belief that the Frenchmen of Illinois, some of whom had come south to trap beaver and to give the Indians firearms in exchange for furs, had aided the Pawnees in murdering one of their officials, Pedro de Villazur, and his party while on an expedition into Kansas.

Two Frenchmen, by way of example, came to Santa Fe with a load of merchandise in 1752 and were met with apparent gladness by the law-abiding citizens. The populace, eager to obey their viceroy's orders, confiscated the oxen, carts and goods of the trespassers on Spanish territory, while the unhappy victims were sent off to Mexico City in chains. To celebrate the fate of the Frenchmen the Santa Feans danced a fandango.

A few years after that event a change came over North America as a result of the Seven Years' War started by Maria Theresa and Frederick the Great. That upheaval in Europe affected English, French and Spanish alike on this side of the Atlantic, and by 1763 new flags were flying over Canada and the Louisiana territory. By 1822 not only the English colonies south of the St. Lawrence River were free of the European yoke but also Mexico; and as Santa Fe was part of the great nation, with a red, white, and green flag of its own, the fiesta-loving people again danced the fandango on the plaza. That year the ban on trade from the north was lifted, and so began the Santa Fe Trail.

16 years prior to Mexico's independence, President Jefferson sent Lieut. Zebulon M. Pike to explore the country to the west and at the same time try to establish friendly rela-

tions with the Spaniards. The lieutenant's expedition to New Mexico resulted in the finding of the peak in Colorado that bears his name; in the knowledge that Americans would be met cordially by the Mexicans if they approached them properly; and in a report on the region beyond the prairies.

"New Mexico," Pike wrote to his chief in 1807, "carries on a trade with Mexico through Biscay (Chihuahua), also with Sonora and Sinaloa; it sends out about 30,000 sheep annually, tobacco, skins, buffalo robes, salt and wrought copper vessels. . . ."

Two years before Pike's visit to Santa Fe, a French trader, Baptist Le Lande, pulled into town with a load of goods, to be followed soon after by James Purcell of Kentucky. Both successfully sold their cargoes and escaped durance vile by remaining in the community to become residents.

In 1821, when Mexico was scrapping with Spain for her independence, Capt. William Becknell arrived in New Mexico with a cargo and returned to Missouri with good health and profits from his venture. On a second trip the following year he blazed the Santa Fe Trail across Kansas, into Colorado, south of New Mexico, and around the southern point of the Sangre de Cristo Range, halting his wagon in Santa Fe Plaza. Independence, Mo., a short distance east of Kansas

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City, was the eastern terminus. Trade was brisk, once the "commerce of the prairies" was established, and continued so for 58 years. During that span of time drygoods, food-stuffs, hardware, all piled in freight wagons, rolled westward, some to reach their destinations, others to fall to hostile Indians and bad men. Back to Missouri went loads of silver bullion, gold, buffalo robes, furs, Indian blankets and wool.

After the end of the Mexican War in 1846, when New Mexico became a territory of the United States, commerce on the trail boomed. Merchants established firms in Santa Fe and built warehouses to receive merchandise from "The States" as well as trains of products that came in from Mexico over the Chihuahua Trail. Most famous of these traders were the Spiegelbergs and Seligmans. Solomon Spiegelberg established the firm of Spiegelberg Brothers in 1846. Their story is a book in itself; they were master merchants and frontier traders. Goods handled by them found a home in the eastern states, in Arizona, California, Mexico, and Europe, and in every remote pueblo and placita in New Mexico. An advertisement in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* of July 9, 1868, when traffic on the trail was at its peak, read:

"Spiegelberg Brothers—Importers, Wholesale and retail dealers in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods — Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Liquors, Groceries, Etc., Etc.

"Merchants will find it to

their advantage to see us before going East, as we keep on hand an assortment of goods especially adapted to this market and to adjoining territories."

Wagon trains from the East pulled up before Spiegelberg's warehouse at steady intervals. An item in the paper on July 29, 1868, marveled at the speed of commerce on the Santa Fe Trail:

"The Messrs. Spiegelberg Bros. received a train on Monday 27th loaded with goods shipped from New York only forty days ago. This, we understand, is the quickest time ever made."

The Spiegelbergs did not rely solely on trade over their counter in Santa Fe, but braved all the dangers—Indians, bandits, and such—of the frontier in order to peddle their wares.

No less important was the Seligman firm at the end of the trail. Sigmund Seligman founded a trading business in Santa Fe in 1856. He accepted a partner, Charles Cleaver, and the establishment took the name of Seligman & Cleaver. The firm was subsequently joined by the former's nephew, Arthur Seligman, who was to become a governor of New Mexico in this century. The Seligmans later financed the building of the branch of The Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad extending from Antonito, Colo., to Santa Fe. Some idea of the extent of their business can be had from the fact that in the course of one day in Kansas City they loaded a train of 83 wagons, carrying 5,000 pounds each, with goods for their Santa Fe store. This merchandise was valued at

\$125,000, the freight bill was \$130,000, and the calculated profits \$51,000. They sold the cargo out in three weeks.

The Santa Fe Trail was created a post route by Act of March 3, 1847. Emigrants and freighters accompanied the mail carriers for protection. On July 1, 1850, the first monthly stage coach service between Independence and Santa Fe was inaugurated. It took two weeks to make the trip, longer if a fight with Indians delayed the journey. The fare was \$250, with an allowance of 40 pounds for baggage and a charge of a half a dollar a pound in excess. Today, the trip by bus costs about \$15 and is covered in 36 hours, with a guarantee of not a hostile Indian along the way. In 1880 the tracks of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway reached the trail's end, and traffic to and from the East followed the same route as the lumbering freight wagons but with much more speed and comfort and at less expense.

Perry Scott finished his yarn and nobody said anything for a while. Then:

"Why, those old guys were regular pioneer merchant princes, weren't they?" some one asked.

Perry nodded. "They were more than that—they were the real trail blazers of that territory. Because if it had not been for them, or others like them, there would have been no trading or commerce in that area, and consequently settlement would have been retarded. They were mighty men in helping to shape our great country."

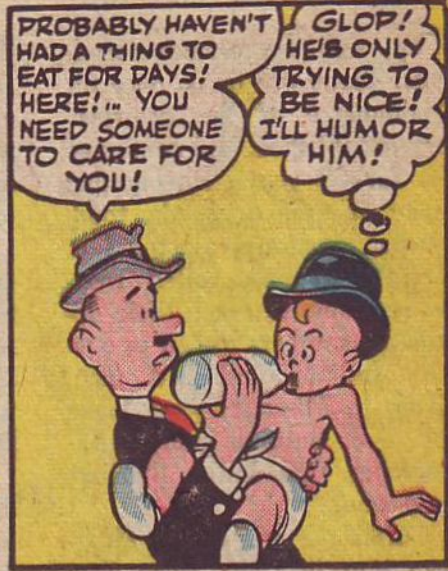
POISON IVY

the
mighty
mite



WHY, YOU POOR
DESERTED
LITTLE
CHILD!

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PROBABLY HAVEN'T
HAD A THING TO
EAT FOR DAYS!
HERE!... YOU
NEED SOMEONE
TO CARE FOR
YOU!

GLOP!
HE'S ONLY
TRYING TO
BE NICE!
I'LL HUMOR
HIM!



THERE YOU
ARE, POISON!
I'M GONNA
KNOCK YOU
OUT'N YOUR
DIRIES!

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SIR, I WILL
PROTECT THIS
CHILD WITH
MY VERY
LIFE!

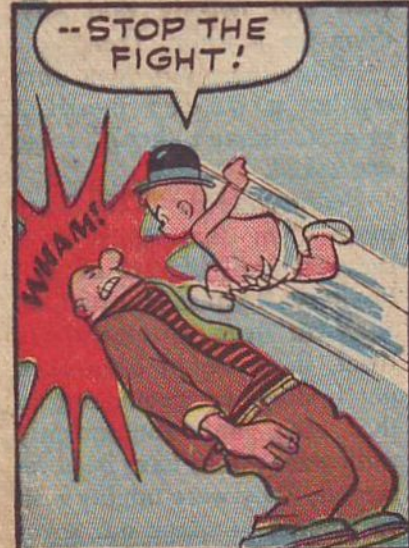


DIDN'T
LIVE
LONG,
DID
YA?

OINK!



THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO
STEP IN AND---



--STOP THE
FIGHT!



THERE! NOW
WE CAN
CARRY ON
WHERE WE
LEFT OFF!

ALL RIGHT,
ONLY---



I'M THE
ONE WHO
SHOULD BE
CARRIED!

SPIN SHAW

OOOH, CAPTAIN SHAW! WHY DID THE ADMIRAL GIVE YOU THAT MEDAL?

HE WAS OUT OF CIGARS THE DAY I CALLED!

You've got something there, Captain Spin Shaw! Whenever you hit the bullseye, you win a cigar--or a medal!

In the shabby little naval officers' club at the forward base on ILGAI ISLAND...

A SEALED ORDER FROM THE ADMIRAL FOR A DOUBLE-DANGER LONE ASSIGNMENT--CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!--

I WANT IT!

ME!

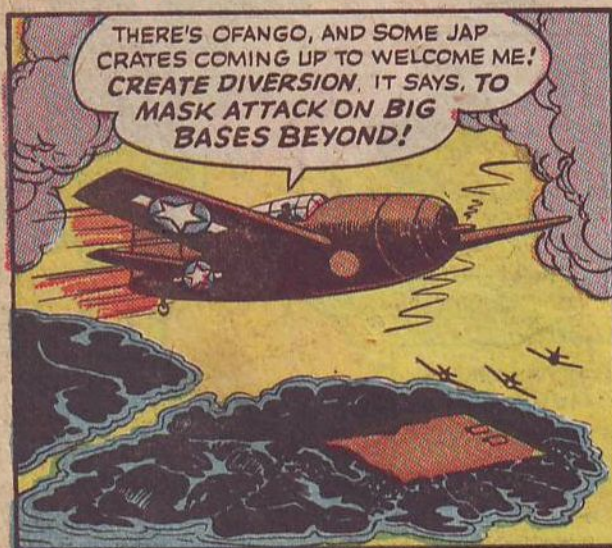
--NO, ME!

HEY! I WAS CLEAR ACROSS THE ROOM!-- DIDN'T HAVE A FAIR GRAB!

SORRY, SPIN! I GOT IT!

--POSSESSION'S NINE POINTS IN LAW!

POSSESS THAT, THEN! SORRY TO DO THIS, BUT I'M BORED HERE!





A JAP-- ON
MY TAIL!



IF I GO DOWN, I'LL TAKE
THIS SNEAKER-UP-BEHINDER
WITH ME!



SO NOW I'M A
PARATROOPER!
GERONIMO!



AND THE WATER
LOOKS WET, I DON'T
MIND SAYING---



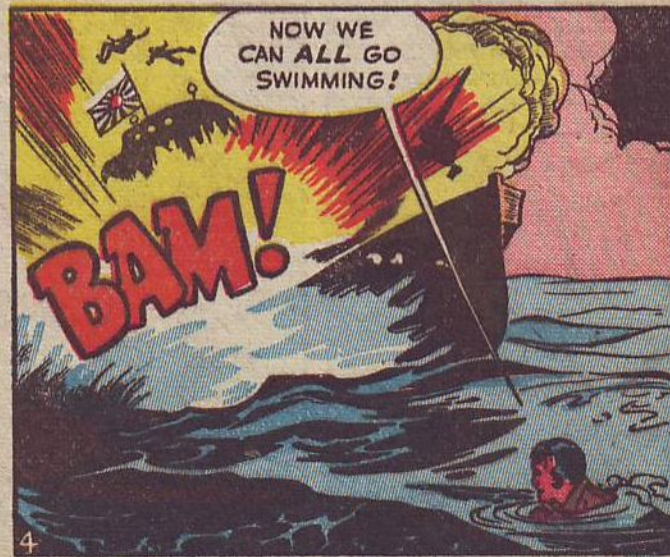
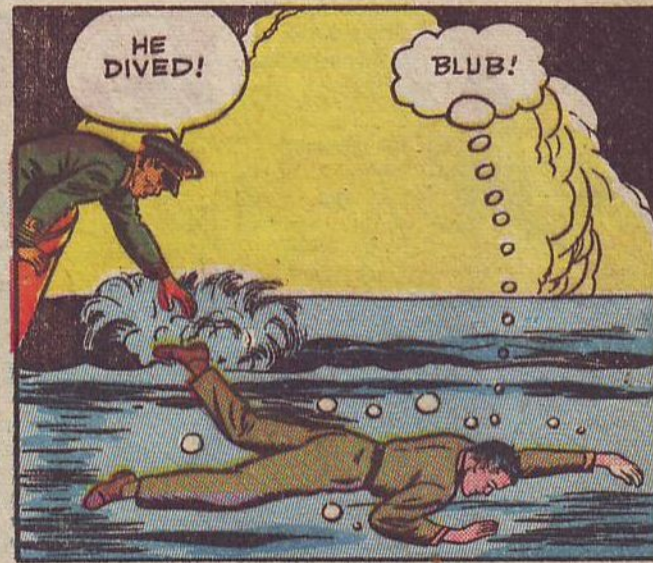
I'LL CUT MYSELF
LOOSE FROM THIS CHUTE
--BUT WHAT'S THAT
CABLE?



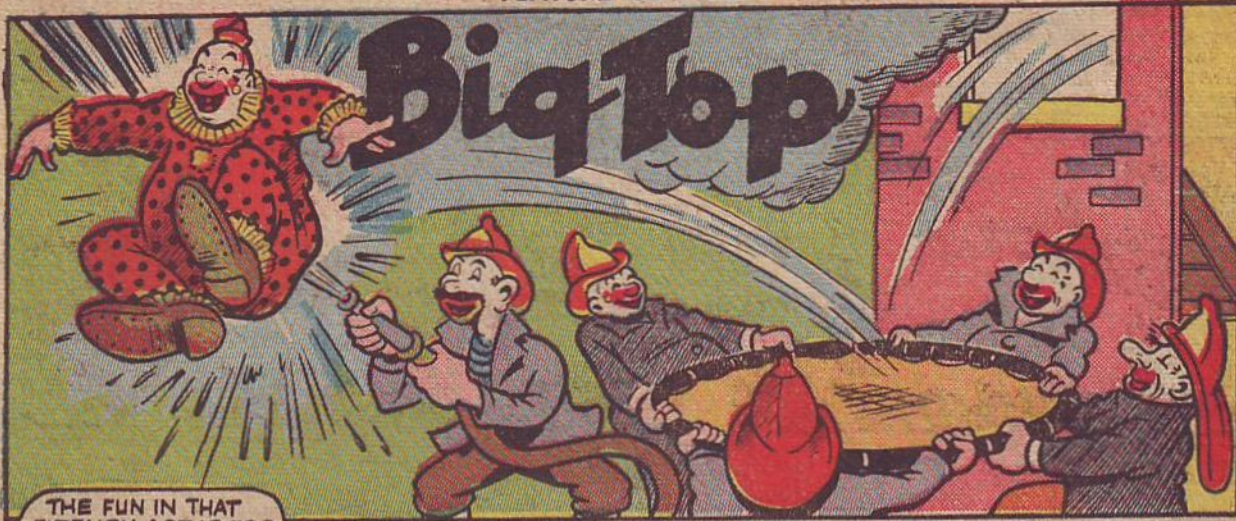
IT'S INSULATED!
--WONDER WHAT'S
INSIDE---



YIKE!







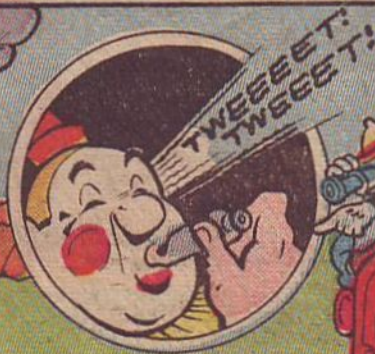
THE FUN IN THAT FIREMEN ACT IS TOO FORCED! MAKE IT MORE SPONTANEOUS!

BUT WHAT DOES SPONTANEOUS MEAN?

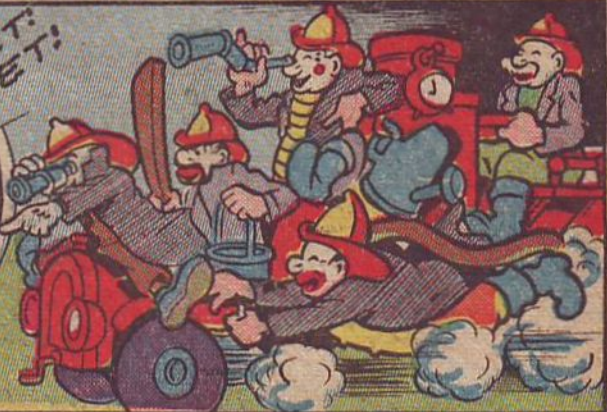
BESIDES NEEDING A NEW RING-MASTER, YOU CLOWNS NEED TO BE TAUGHT PLAIN ENGLISH!

BY SPONTANEOUS I MEAN MAKE THE FUN SEEM ACCIDENTAL AND UNEXPECTED!

OH!



NEVER SEE SUCH A GOOD ILLUSTRATION!



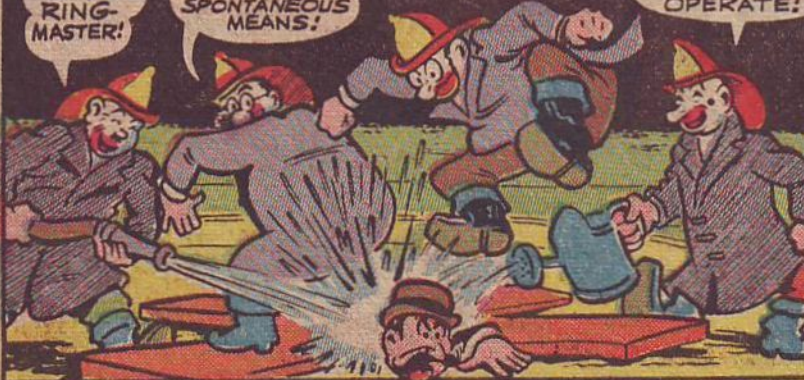
THANKS A LOT, MR. RING-MASTER!

FOR SHOWIN' US WHAT SPONTANEOUS MEANS!

AND BOY-- WILL WE CO-OPERATE!

I SIMPLY CAN'T FIGURE WHY THAT NEW RINGMASTER QUIT SO SUDDENLY!

GUESS HE JUST DID IT SPONTANEOUSLY, BOSS!



STICK RIGHT HERE, BUTCH, IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOME BEAUTIFUL GIRLS! LAST DAY OF THE MODELS' CONVENTION!

IT'S COSTING ME A DAY'S PAY AND A MORNING'S SLEEP TO DO THIS!

Big Top

10 a.m.

SO YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT!

IF I'M WRONG, BUTCH, I'LL EAT MY RIGHT FOOT, SHOE AND ALL!

9 a.m.

ZZZ

11 a.m.

ONE P.M.

TIME TO EAT, GIRLS!

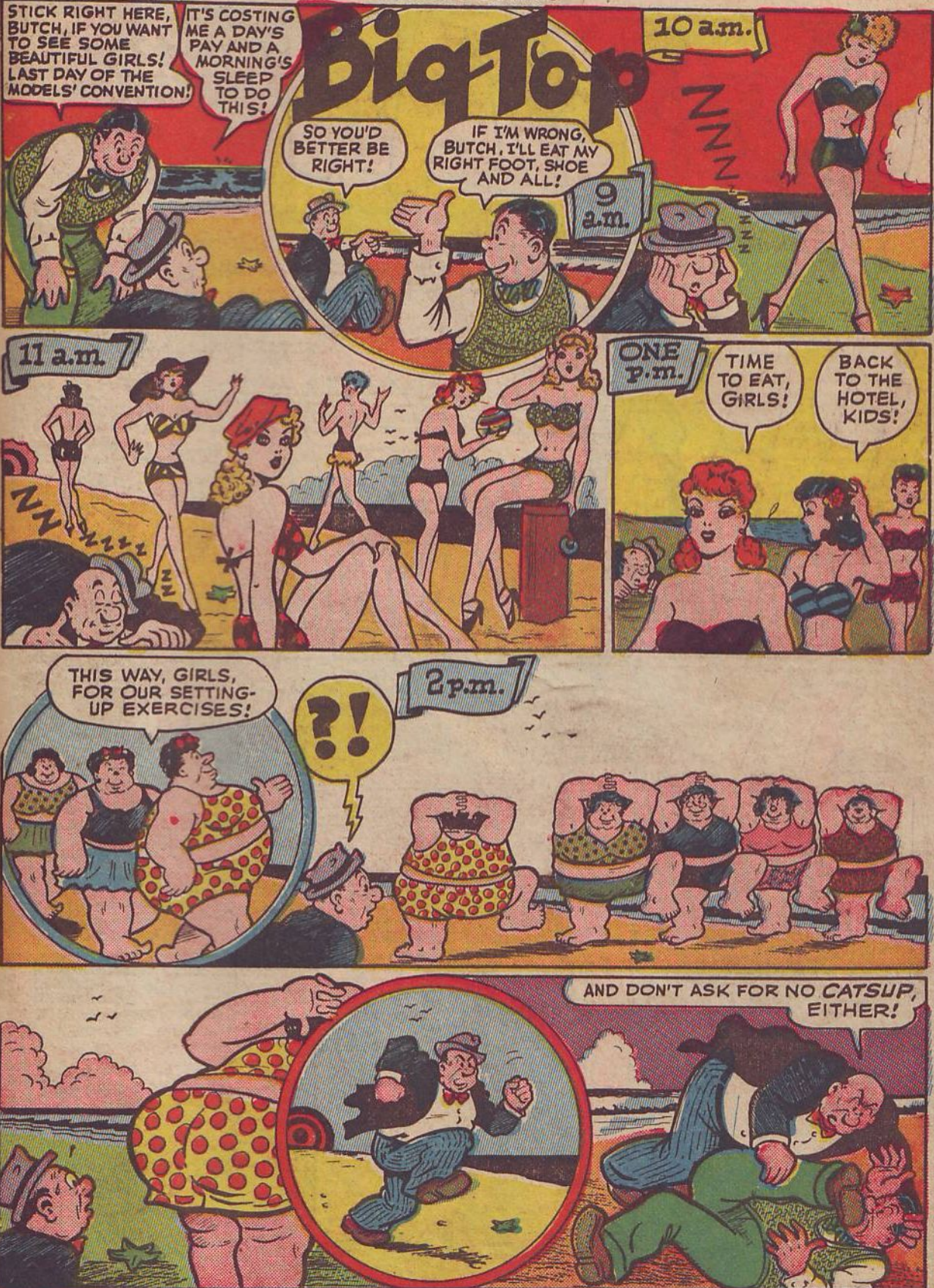
BACK TO THE HOTEL, KIDS!

2 p.m.

THIS WAY, GIRLS, FOR OUR SETTING-UP EXERCISES!

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AND DON'T ASK FOR NO CATSUP, EITHER!



Rusty RYAN

and The
BOYVILLE
Brigadiers

PIECES OF
EIGHT--NINE--
TEN ---YOU'RE
OUT!

There are still pirates in
the South Seas... and
Rusty Ryan joins them,
for his own good reasons!

IT IS, IT IS, A
GLORIOUS THING
TO BE A
PIRATE KING!

Again the Boyville
Brigadiers approach
a strange land ...

WHY ARE
WE LANDING
HERE THIS
TIME, RUSTY?

BECAUSE OF A
RUMOR THE
**PURPLE
PIRATES**
ARE GATHERING
HERE! LAND AND
CROSS THE ISLAND!

No sooner said than done!
In a little while ...

KEEP HIDDEN, MEN!
THAT DUEL MUST BE TO
**DECIDE THE PIRATE
CHIEF!**

Watch for two
Commando Tricks
--to begin and
end this tale!





THEN, IN FAIR FIGHT, I'VE WON THE PLACE OF CHIEF---

NOT EXACTLY!... THE FIGHT WAS TO DECIDE ON SECOND-IN-COMMAND!



I THINK I'M GOING TO **LIKE YOU!** SUPPOSE WE HAVE A LITTLE COUNCIL IN THE CABIN?



RIGHT! AS SOON AS I GET THE COOK TO PEELING POTATOES AND CLEANING FISH -- AND THROWING THE SKINS AND SCALES OVERBOARD!



There is a method in Rusty's passion for garbage dumping!



THE PIRATE SHIP'S OUT OF SIGHT, BUT THERE'S A TRAIL OF JUNK FOR US TO FOLLOW!

EVERYTHING GOING WELL, LIEUTENANT? SIT DOWN!



MAYBE YOU'D BETTER TELL ME WHERE WE'RE BOUND, CHIEF LADY!



WHY SO FORMAL? CALL ME **BONNIE!**-- WE'RE GOING TO **PEARL ISLAND!**



ALL RIGHT... BONNIE?... ISN'T THAT THE FREE NATIVE KINGDOM WHERE THE PEARL OYSTER BEDS ARE SO PLENTIFUL?

RIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO SCOOP UP EVERY PEARL IN THE BAY! AND YOU AND I, AS COMMANDERS, GET THE **LION'S SHARE!**



EXCUSE ME A SECOND! -- I WANT TO GIVE SOME ORDERS ON DECK!

WHY THE LANTERN, LIEUTENANT? WE DON'T CARE IF WE RUN DOWN SOME LITTLE SHIP!



BUT A **BIG SHIP** MIGHT RUN **US** DOWN! HOIST HER ALOFT!



And through the gathering darkness follow the *Boyville Brigadiers....*

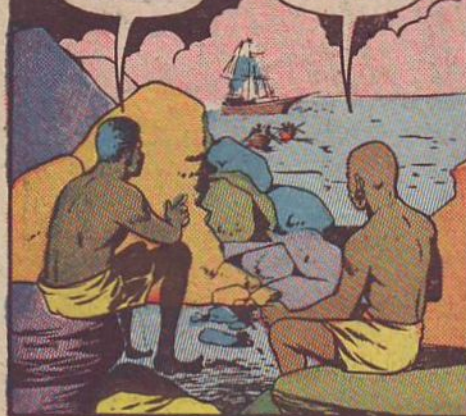


SEE, PIERPONT! RUSTY HANGS A LIGHT TO GUIDE US!

Dawn, and a landfall off Pearl Island...

A WHITE MAN'S SHIP! THE CREW LANDS!

SUMMON THE PEOPLE!



I AM QUEEN OF PEARL ISLAND!

NOT ANY MORE! THE PURPLE PIRATES ARE TAKING OVER THE ISLAND --AND THE PEARLS!



BUT WE HAVE FEW PEARLS! THEY ARE HARD TO BRING UP!

NOT WITH MODERN DIVING ARMOR! IN AN HOUR WE'LL DRAG UP A FORTUNE!



GO DOWN AND BRING US UP THE OYSTERS-- A BUSHEL AT A TIME!



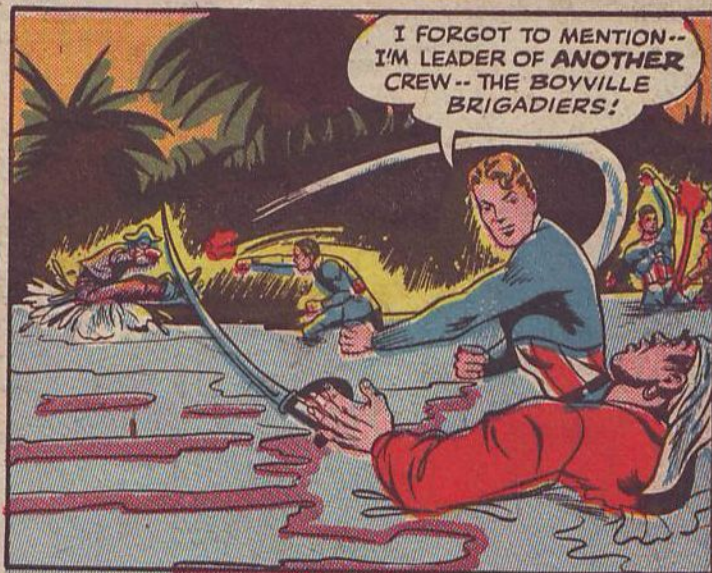
WHY DON'T WE DROP THIS SCHEME? LOOK, THAT'S A NICE QUEEN THESE NATIVES HAVE!

DON'T GIVE HER A SECOND LOOK, LIEUTENANT! YOUR COMMANDER'S A JEALOUS GIRL!



START OPENING, BOYS! WE'LL HAVE A BIG OYSTER STEW AND PLENTY OF PEARLS!







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Name
Address
City State

Given

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Pick out the gift you want from the articles shown or from the big gift circular included with your first order.

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FINE! DON'T FORGET TO PUT AN EXTRA SUPPLY OF TOOTSIE ROLLS IN YOUR PACK, ROLLO!



I TOLD YOU NOT TO SMOKE THAT PIPE IN THE HOUSE! GET OUT TO THE BARN WITH IT!

POOR MR. TUTTLE! HIS WIFE WON'T LET HIM SMOKE IN THE HOUSE!



THERE WE ARE, ROLLO! NOW GO DOWN TO THE FARM AND GET US SOME WATER!

OKAY!



HELP! FIRE! HELP!

HOOTIN' ZOOTIE! MR. TUTTLE MUST HAVE SET THE BARN ON FIRE WHILE SMOKING HIS PIPE! I'D BETTER TOOT FOR TOOTSIE!



A SKEILL BLAST ON ROLLO'S TOOTSIE-TOOTER AND...

TOOTSEEEEE!

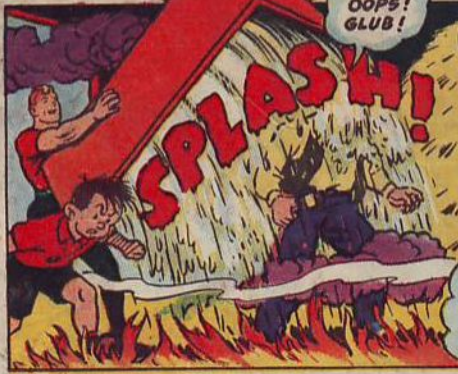


...IT'S CAPTAIN TOOTSIE TO THE RESCUE!



FAEDON ME, HORSIE! YOU CAN FINISH YOUR DRINK LATER!

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OOPS! GLUB!

SPLASH!



SET THE BARN ON FIRE, WILL YOU? WAIT'LL I CATCH YOU!

PUFF! PUFF!

HERE, MR. TUTTLE! HAVE A TOOTSIE ROLL! IT'LL GIVE YOU ADDED ENERGY AND SPEED!

OH BOY!

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